

March 13, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the direction of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and our contracting school districts, Aseltine School will be closed effective March 16<sup>th</sup>, minimally, through April 10, 2020 related to Covid-19, unless conditions call for an extension.

Today and in an ongoing manner, Aseltine School will be providing students and parents with updated information about optional enrichment activities for students during the closure. Independent work packets will be sent home today. In addition to these resources, you may access our website at <a href="https://www.aseltine.org">www.aseltine.org</a>.

We understand this action may pose added hardship for some of our families. For mental health support services for your child, please refer to the San Diego Access and Crisis Line at 888-724-7240 or Teen Line at 310-855-4673. For daily nutritional needs, please refer to the San Diego Food Bank at <a href="https://sandiegofoodbank.org/">https://sandiegofoodbank.org/</a>. Additional resources will also be accessible at <a href="https://211sandiego.org/">https://211sandiego.org/</a> or call 211.

While your student remains home, we encourage you to continue practicing good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get vaccinated for the flu if you have not already.

If you feel for any reason your child may have or has been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your doctor immediately and Aseltine School. Virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

We will remain in close contact with the San Diego County Office of Education and local public health officials throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate. We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from San Diego County Public Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe. If you have questions about our school, please visit our website at <a href="www.aseltine.org">www.aseltine.org</a> or contact us at:

May Padilla (Executive Director) at <a href="majority:mpadilla@aseltine.org">mpadilla@aseltine.org</a>
Kim Groulx (Family and Student Services Coordinator) at <a href="majority:mpadillams@aseltine.org">mpadilla@aseltine.org</a>
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Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

May Padilla Executive Director