

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

August 2, 2021

Dear ALA Family,

As the summer is quickly coming to a close, we want to share our approach to the coming school year.

As we were last year, ALA remains steadfast in its commitment to in-person learning. The lessons of last year are abundantly clear -- in-person learning is vital for our students, and the prudent application of mitigation measures allows students to attend school safely. We also understand that, for some families, online education is the best option. For those families, our dedicated on-line campus, ALA-Virtual, is available to serve students in grades 7-12.

With that in mind, we will use the following guiding principles to shape our actions on ALA campuses this year:

1. Our top priority is maintaining student and staff safety while conducting in-person education.
2. We intend to pursue the fullest possible return to the educational experiences and school activities that we know to be critical to the academic, social, mental, and emotional well-being of our students.
3. We will continue to employ prudent mitigation measures to keep our students and campus environment safe (e.g., enhanced sanitation procedures and distancing where possible).
4. We are committed to communicating effectively with our families. As it was last year, the [ALA website](#) will remain our official information outlet.
5. We understand that students' health and well-being is a family responsibility and we are here to support you in that effort.
6. While we can only plan for what we know today, we will be responsive and adaptable as new conditions emerge.

We believe these principles are an extension of ALA's commitment to supporting families; we also believe they will enable a successful and exciting year for our students. Making this year all that it can be for our students will require that we partner together. We encourage you to visit the [ALA website](#) to review details of our [mitigation measures](#) as well as our [illness policy](#). We also ask for your help to ensure the health and safety of both our students and our staff by keeping students home if they are ill or have COVID-like symptoms.

Finally, regarding face coverings, in accordance with current guidelines, face coverings are not required to be

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worn by students, staff, or visitors on ALA campuses. However, ALA supports our families' decisions for their students to wear face coverings should they choose to do so. We also ask for your help in complying with any mask requirements that may be established by organizations that govern the activities in which ALA participates; for example the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA).

We are enthusiastic about the start of school this year. We know that we speak for the over 1,000 ALA faculty and staff when we say that we are excited for your students to return to campus.

As always, we are humbled by, and grateful for, the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your students. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

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