



of the Island City

August 7, 2020

Dear AIK and Girls Inc. Families,

As you have heard by now, schools in Alameda Unified will begin on Thursday, August 27 in a remote model. All schools will be closed until they meet the state and county guidelines to reopen.

This change has caused both our Girls Inc. and AIK program staff to shift their plans of accommodating the districts A/B in-person school model to now a more camp-like full day model, 8am-4pm. Both programs will be run according to all Alameda County Public Health guidelines which state 12 students per group, one group per room, and signing up in a minimum of three week blocks. Our initial goal was for both programs to start September 8, just after Labor Day.

The Girls Inc. elementary programs will be held at our Meyers Center on Santa Clara Ave. We had planned our similar program for the girls and boys of our AIK families, called Meyers Camp, at three of our current district sites: Earhart, Edison, and Franklin (we can only service three sites with our current staff levels but it would be open to all of our families with essential workers being prioritized).

However, we just learned from AUSD that we may not be able to rent space from them. This was a surprise to us, so now we are working on an alternative plan to support our AIK families.

Our staff is currently gathering additional information we need to get our forms and safety handbook ready for our Girls Inc. Elementary program. We need this information plus location confirmation in order to confirm our Meyers Camp girls and boys program.

I apologize for not having more formalized plans and information for you. So much has been changing so quickly that our plans have repeatedly had to shift. However, please know I am still committed to serving our families in a safe and enjoyable environment with all of our wonderful staff. We are also working on offering online Girls Inc. programs and expanding our GEMS (Girls. Empowerment. Mentoring. Support) social-emotional programs in an online format.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions: cchilcott@girlsincislandcity.org

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CAG", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christine Chilcott
Chief Executive Officer
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