



**of the Island City**

Dear AIK and Girls Inc. families,

Thank you for your patience while we were waiting to hear about our AIK rental space from the school district. Additionally, last week we learned of the new school year schedule and we have spent the last two weeks determining if we have the infrastructure at the Girls Inc. center to support so many students learning online at the same time.

I am happy to report that we now have a contract in the works with AUSD to rent our AIK rooms and run a few sites. I am also happy to share that we are working on plans to boost our internet speed, capacity, and range at our center to support everyone's online learning. Due to all of these new developments, our new start date for both programs will be Monday, September 21. Registration will take place online next Friday, September 4. Registration is first-come, first-served with the priority going to essential workers.

We are still working on the registration forms and fee structures, and we will share the fee information and program details shortly before registration begins. Program fees will be higher this year due to the longer program hours (40 hours/week). It may be more than our families are used to, but please know we are doing our best to keep costs reasonable. We are only charging families for staff expenses and, for AIK, district rental fees. I have made the decision not to pass on the cost of the individual materials that we are providing for each student, sets of activity equipment for each small group, and PPE and other safety expenses in order to absorb some of the financial impact full-day care may have on families.

Thank you for your patience with us. I am sorry that due to county guidelines with group-size limits we will not be able to serve all of our families. However, we look forward to seeing some of you soon and we look forward to seeing all of you when we can run programs as usual again.

Please take care and feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CAG", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christine Chilcott  
Chief Executive Officer  
Girls Inc. of the Island City