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Dear Acero parents and families,

We know that this has been a very challenging week for our parents, guardians and scholars. We are all learning how to navigate this most difficult situation. This has meant receiving constant COVID-19 news and updates while also learning about what we can do to slow the spread of the virus. In the meantime, each of you is also doing all that you can to help your child keep learning, often while working and looking after children and other family members or loved ones. All this while enduring great personal hardship and managing the unknown that brings some fear about the health and wellbeing of your family. We understand. We are in this together, we support you and wish you and your family health, comfort and peace during this very difficult time.

We remain privileged and eager to serve the educational needs of our scholars. The Acero Schools leadership team worked furiously to roll out our next phase in supporting our learners remotely. As we shared previously, scholars will be away from their school buildings for an unforeseen period of time. But we know one thing for sure, our brilliant and bright learners need not stop learning. We are delighted, inspired and energized by our scholars' commitment to learning. We are motivated by your equal energy and focus on making learning happen. Acero Schools will do all that we can to keep the bright light within our scholars and families glowing. We owe you nothing less.

Today we announce ***#AceroLearnsEverywhere***, our comprehensive and unified plan to offer continued learning to all Acero Schools' scholars. This plan includes making materials, both paper copy and web-based, available to all of our families. You may access these materials electronically now at the following website: <https://bit.ly/2Wz28nf>. Paper copies will become available for pick-up at all Acero Schools' "Grab-and-Go" food locations this Wednesday, March 25, from 10am-12pm. In the future, paper copies will be made available on Wednesdays at the same locations and times. A link to our learning platform will be made available 24/7 via the Acero Schools website, www.aceroschools.org. You will also see us push out these materials via social media on a daily basis. If you do not already, now is the time to follow us on social media and download our free application "School News by Edlio" from the Apple Store or Google Play. Please be sure to enable notifications on the app so that you will always get the most updated news directly from us.

Acero Schools has created a unified, network-wide approach to continue the learning and growing of all learners. This approach prioritizes educational equity and accounts for varied access to technology and internet resources. This plan also accounts for the unique needs of our English language and diverse learners. Your scholars will continue to have access to the platforms and learning materials that they know and love and have come to expect at school.

By either picking up a weekly learning packet or logging on to our website, learners will have weekly and carefully curated access to professionally-developed, learner-focused materials. Learning tracks are available for every grade level. Acero's K-8 materials are identical, regardless of which school your child presently attends. Plans for each high school are unique. Not only will our scholars have access to the

materials that they need, weekly learner expectations are outlined along with a recommended daily schedule, online tips and tricks, links to paper materials and e-learning platforms and project-based learning activities. **All will be updated weekly.** Please note that the network will continue to observe Spring Break the week of April 6-10. Thus, materials will not be sourced that particular week.

We also have a webinar, available in Spanish and English, which describes our approach and plan. This webinar is available to our entire Acero community – our staff, our parents and guardians, any Acero Schools supporter, to explain our remote education plan. We encourage you to watch the webinar for more details. The webinar is available now on our website.

We know that these are not normal times. However, we feel confident in our ability to offer scholars and families the educational support necessary. We also understand that COVID-19 is not just disrupting school, it has a significant impact on the lives of our teachers, staff, administrators, families, students, everyone. This plan allows every one of our colleagues and the families we serve to tend to their personal care, and that of their family, while also staying connected to what our scholars need. This plan allows us to support one another, as a single, strong and resilient Acero Schools' community. This plan truly embodies *#AceroLearnsEverywhere*. This strategy also allows us to grow engagement and additional supplemental learning opportunities. The network remains in close contact with our teacher's union to accomplish this very goal. What is clear - everybody here deeply misses, loves and wants our scholars and families to have what you need to make it through this time. **We remain one, united, Acero Schools.**

We will continue to update you on this plan while also continuing to provide COVID-19, supplemental services and resources updates and stories of hope and joy. More than ever, thank you for entrusting us with the education of your scholar.

¡Somos Acero!

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