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Dear AELC Families,

As you are aware, representatives of the AELC Parent Association communicated via several Zoom meetings with representatives from our Board of Directors and Andrus management. During these meetings, the Parent Association expressed their concern regarding the school's suspension and shared ideas in support of maintaining operations to June 2021. We appreciated their input and reviewed their ideas. Unfortunately, we can no longer financially sustain the AELC amid the prolonged uncertainty and many challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are resolved to share that the suspension of AELC operations on January 1, 2021 remains in effect.

We are heartbroken that we have to suspend operations beginning next year. Needless to say, it is an outcome that we hoped to prevent. We know these are very challenging times for all of us, which made the decision to suspend operations extremely difficult for our organization. The consequences of this unprecedented pandemic have impacted many lives, including the lives of our AELC families and staff. We are all deeply saddened to see this suspension occur, particularly those of us who have been with AELC since its opening.

For those parents who are interested, over the next two months, we will continue to assist families as they transition to finding alternative childcare. As mentioned in the previous communication of October 6th, we will remain open until December 31, 2020, irrespective of enrollment decreases, unless we are required to shutter before such date as a result of an executive or governmental order or other legally binding determination, that would require us to shut or suspend operations.

Thank you, once again, for allowing us to play a small part in your child's development and growth while they've attended our Andrus Early Learning Center. Please know that we are here to assist you in any way we can as your child, or children, transition to a new childcare arrangement.

Sincerely,

Corine Lurry-Mabin, Vice President and Chief Program Officer