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## Pre-K 4 SA to Start 2020-2021 School Year with Remote Learning

School to begin August 17; Goal to begin in-person learning after Labor Day

Due to the continued dramatic increase in the spread of COVID-19 throughout Bexar County, Pre-K 4 SA will begin classes for the 2020-2021 academic year on August 17 with 100% remote learning.

Increased numbers of positive COVID-19 cases across San Antonio have raised questions among families related to the start of the school year. Pre-K 4 SA has consulted with its advising physician whose guidance is consistent with the broader medical community, including Metro Health, in recommending that Pre-K 4 SA delay implementation of in-person classes until community spread has stabilized.

Pre-K 4 SA will continue to monitor the situation with healthcare experts and city leaders over the coming weeks to continue to make decisions that put the safety of students, families and staff first. The hope is to begin integrating in-person classes after Labor Day. As the situation continues to unfold, updates will be communicated, and families are encouraged to check their emails, as well as the Pre-K 4 SA website and social media channels for more information.

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## About Pre-K 4 SA:

Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the education and workforce trajectory of San Antonio in one generation. Pre-K 4 SA offers full-day pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds living in the City of San Antonio. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students and also accepts tuition-paying students. The school day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Extended hours are available at no additional charge from 7:15 to 8 a.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. for working families. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included and free transportation is available to all students. Pre-K 4 SA has four Education Centers located throughout the city: North Education Center, 3635 Medical Dr.; South Education Center, 7031 S. New Braunfels Ave.; East Education Center, 5230 Eisenhauer Rd.; and West Education Center, 1235 Enrique M. Barrera Memorial Parkway. The Pre-K 4 SA Professional Learning program provides pre-kindergarten through third grade educators in San Antonio with complementary continuing education to support best practice instruction to help every child in San Antonio excel. The Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants program provides more than \$4 million in funding annually to increase quality and access in early childhood programs throughout San Antonio. Visit <u>www.prek4sa.com</u> for more information.