

Key Supporters,

Let me begin by saying how much we miss all of you. I also want to express my deep appreciation for your support, patience, and trust as we navigate these unprecedented waters in our community and nation.

In the days and weeks ahead, many aspects of our lives are going to continue to be significantly disrupted. Life, as we know it, will be different. We will miss seeing our staff, friends, and families. We will miss the presence of our stakeholders and colleagues visiting our campus and seeing firsthand the great work taking place in our programs at the Key Center.

While this is an unwelcomed and unwanted imbalance, it is also an opportunity.

Beginning this week, Key School students will participate in distance learning using the new *Key Distance Learning Guide* that was created to meet the specific learning needs of our students. Individualized instruction has always been a pillar of Key School and this holds true even now. In the midst of this public health crisis, we have the opportunity to make breakthroughs in how our entire learning differences community responds to remote learning and share our results with others in our profession. We must not let this moment pass.

In early March, the Key School Academic Language (KSALT) Training & Preparation program launched its new website (KCLD.org) and opened registration for its first training cohort to begin in July 2020. Highly qualified educators from across North Texas will begin this rigorous two-year program to become Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALTs). We are not slowing down.

The 2020 Key Summer Program has continued to receive enrollments for June. In fact, enrollments are up from 2019. We look forward to enriching the lives of students in our community during the summer months.

Last week, our Key Center Leadership Team, in conjunction with the Key Center Board of Directors, delivered care packages to each staff member's home to pass along some fun, hope, encouragement, and happiness. These special deliveries brought smiles to not only the recipients, but to the delivery team as well. Staying connected is a necessity, even if it is just a brief wave from the front doorstep.

This health crisis, with the multiple unknowns and rapidly changing guidelines, will affect all members of our community in different ways. Love and kindness will not protect us from this virus, but they will make life more tolerable.

Life will be back to normal eventually and our hope at Key Center is that once this experience is over, our community will better appreciate even the smallest blessings in our lives.

We are truly blessed to have each of you in our Key Center Family.

With gratitude and respect,

Kerri Benson
Executive Director