THE ISSUE

The COVID-19 pandemic has made its way into our very own community, disrupting our businesses, schools, and daily lives. As of March 16th, all Dallas ISD schools have been closed indefinitely, leaving thousands of students homebound and without access to many of the school resources they desperately need. These closures have also impacted our ASAS school sites, resulting in the halt of our comprehensive, cost free after-school programming for over 800 students in high-need schools across Dallas county.

With an abrupt change to the lives of the students and families that we serve, ASAS acknowledges some of the challenges that are being faced by our community. Our educational partners across Dallas ISD are facing an unprecedented need: to provide impactful distance learning to over 150,000 students with little-to-no preparation. Our families have found themselves experiencing a loss of income, as many of their jobs can no longer support their employment. Finally, we are seeing a clear need to keep students actively engaged with meaningful and enriching activities during these tense and stressful times.

Our main priority has been, and always will be, keeping our All-Stars safe and providing them with the tools to help them succeed in school and life.

THE RESPONSE

IMMEDIATE HELP

The ASAS North Texas team has reached out to each individual family to connect them with school and community resources ranging from food security to technology needs such as internet access.

DETERMINING THE NEED

During these conversations, ASAS staff gauged what types of programming areas families were in need of as well as what platforms would be best for online programming.

MISSION

After-School All-Stars (ASAS) provides comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

VISION

Our vision is for our All-Stars to be safe and healthy, to graduate high school and go to college, to find careers they love and then give back to their communities.

WHO WE SERVE

800 STUDENTS SERVED AND SUPPORTED

90% ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

98% YOUTH OF COLOR
THE SUPPORT

DAILY OFFERINGS
Based on feedback from our families, ASAS will roll out a “club offering” each afternoon during the week to supplement the online school day and help ensure holistic learning continues during the shutdown.

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<td>Guiding our students on way to keep moving at home to stay safe and healthy</td>
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<td>Leading our students on projects to spark critical thinking and foster a sense of self-efficacy</td>
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WEEKLY INTERACTIONS
Each ASAS site will host their own time spot each week where the Site Coordinator will host a live, interactive session with students and their families. During this session, Site Coordinators will focus their time helping families adjust to the new normal through Social and Emotional Learning best practices, guided questioning, and collaboration.

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION SEMINAR
Without the myriad positive adult relationships that come with after school, we aim to help parents keep their children safe and healthy. Parents who have opted in will participate in a virtual parent night with program partner NTARUPT – learning more about how to talk about sex with their teenager.

MORE ON THE HORIZON
As we roll out our initial offerings, our staff will be exploring and building new ways to support those who rely on us. We are hoping to incorporate our corporate partners through this digital learning platform by offering our students the experience of interviewing individuals from a variety of sectors and learn more about the individual’s path to their current role. We also plan to engage our program partners in offering virtual activities or seminars from their supporting fields to further expand avenues to engage our All Stars.

CALL TO ACTION
ASAS sees this difficult time as an opportunity to be a valued resource to the community and act as an extension to the at-home learning that our school partners and students are depending on, but we cannot do it alone. With the cancellation of our annual fundraiser, we are experiencing a financial hardship. This loss, coupled with the financial challenges being faced by many of our funders, has placed a massive strain on our fundraising efforts and has required us to seek out alternative methods of acquiring support for our All-Stars. In an effort to counter the impact of COVID-19, ASAS will be launching a relief campaign aimed at recouping the losses from our annual fundraiser and addressing any unforeseen hurdles introduced in the coming months.

If you would like to contribute electronically, please click here. You may also donate by mailing a check directly to 2902 Swiss Avenue, Dallas TX. 75204. ASAS needs your support to continue our dedication to over 800 high-need students in Dallas County. We hope that you choose to partner with us during this difficult time so that we may reach those students who need us most and continue our mission for years to come.