**RE:** Closure Update

Dear Aspire Dance Families,

As you have surely heard by now, Massachusetts schools have closed through the end of the school year. Sadly, this means that we are not able to return to in-studio classes for the remainder of the season. As hard as this is, we believe that the extraordinary precautions being taken to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible will mean that we can get back to our normal lives quickly.

Please know that while the doors to the studio may not be open; our staff, teacher's assistants, and dancers are all working harder than ever. Through each challenge, we are discovering how strong and adaptable we are. Some days are more difficult to face than others but we are getting through it and we are incredibly proud of our entire Aspire Family. The kindness that you have shown to us and each other during this bizarre time has been incredible and it encourages us to keep moving forward and preparing for brighter days.

We remain committed to maintaining a sense of normalcy for the children so please remember that all dancers are absolutely welcome to participate in their virtual classes regardless of the status of your ADC account. The final tuition installment of the year has been posted to accounts with the 50% discount once again applied and is due May 1. If you are unable to make your tuition installment, please reach out to us so we can help.

Below, we have outlined our most recent plan with updated dates.

- <u>VIRTUAL CLASSES</u>: Dance classes via zoom will continue through May 29. The links have been emailed and are also available on facebook and in your parent portal. The instructors are working on recital choreography videos which will be sent out so the dancers can practice their performance dances.
- <u>PICTURE DAY</u>: Postponed to a later date. We are working with Diaz Digital Discoveries to create a plan that will allow all of our dancers and Picture Day staff to safely attend the event.
- <u>RECITAL WEEKEND</u>: Postponed to a later date. We are continuing along with recital choreography with the goal that we will be able to perform the pieces that our staff and dancers have been working hard on this year. We will have a better idea of what the plan is as the government releases more guidelines.
- <u>SUMMER PROGRAMS</u>: We will address summer programs as we get closer to the end of the season.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or just to say hello. We miss you all and cannot wait to see you again.

Thank you,

Mandy Christenson & Melissa Dube

Aspire Dance Center co-owners