

Tree of Life Charter School

— A Montessori Public Charter School —

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To whom it may concern:

Tree of Life Charter School is located adjacent to the area being considered for a homeless encampment during the COVID-19 quarantine. That area is part of our children's play yard. At this time, though students are not attending campus for site-based learning, they are occasionally coming with their parents to pick up materials and resources from staff. Teachers are coming regularly to classrooms to prepare materials for students, and sometimes their children come with them and play in the yard while waiting. We also have parents coming to the office, when it's open, to sign documents, to check out books and computers, and to talk with staff. Office and administrative personnel come to campus at least twice a week to process business documents, do reports, and respond to business communications.

Staff and parents coming to our campus during these times need to feel it is a safe place for them and for their children. I am concerned that if a homeless encampment were located near or on the campus, it would deter staff and parents from coming to school to work or to get help or resources. I hope that you can find some other location for an encampment that will not negatively impact our school families or personnel and their access to the school campus.

Sincerely,

Celeste R. Beck
Principal