

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents & Students,

Eid Mubarak to you and your family! May Allah protect everyone.

After the governor's announcement on July 30th, everyone is eager to know the re-opening decision of each school in each district/county. The Governor left the final decision to the schools to decide based on the number of cases in their counties. Accordingly, Minneapolis Public Schools and St. Paul Public Schools decided to start the new school year (fall semester) completely online (distance learning). Other schools are juggling between hybrid, on-site, and on-line models.

Before we made the decision, we considered multiple factors: safety of students and staff, the academic excellence and access for our students, and accommodating stakeholders' needs. The Al-Amal School administration and leadership team went through a lot of internal meetings, communicated with multiple Islamic Schools' leaders across the states, and attended multiple meetings with the district and other private schools' leaders before finalizing the re-opening decision. We conducted a survey of parents, and the results were split equally three ways between online, onsite, and hybrid school models.

Al-Amal School has decided to go with a multi-tiered program for beginning classes in the fall of 2020.

- **August 31** - School begins for preschool to 12 Grade
- **August 31 to September 25**
  - Preschool, Kindergarten, and First grade classes will be onsite everyday
  - 2nd Grades - 12th Grade will be online classes only
- **September 28 to October 23**
  - Preschool, Kindergarten, and First grade classes will continue onsite everyday
  - 2nd Grades - 5th Grade will be onsite everyday
  - 6th Grade-12th Grade will continue online
- The school will revisit the plan to decide if more classes can be onsite after the end of first quarter (October 23, 2020), In Sha'a Allah.

***Parents can choose the online option if they don't feel comfortable sending their kids to a school setting. The office will send the form to fill out.***

August 3, 2020

The school believes it is safer for all stakeholders to transition slowly into onsite schooling for everyone.

1. We begin with the youngest students because they need to form the most connection with the teachers. They also can be trained at the school on distance learning (online) in case of any emergency.
2. Less number of people in the building helps with social distancing during transition time.
3. The school and staff get familiar with COVID-19 plan and its implementation during school hours.
4. In case of emergency, closing down the class/school will not impact the whole school, especially, the high school.
5. It will ensure continuity of learning for most of the grades with minimum interruptions.

We ask for your cooperation and collaboration in adhering to the COVID-19 plan (attached with this email as well). We also request you to pray for the safety and academic success of all our students during the school year.

Please reach out to the school administration if you have any questions or concerns.