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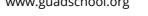
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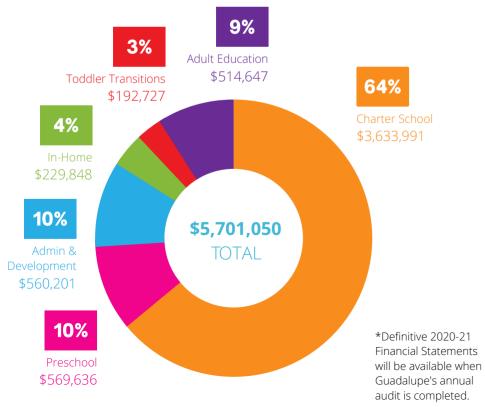


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July 2020 - June 2021

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## "THE WORLD CHANGED, AND GUADALUPE CHANGED WITH IT."

This past year will be one for the history books at Guadalupe School. Through what felt like unending challenges, our staff and students truly rose to face them all. We couldn't be more proud of the way our school adapted to the pandemic. Our students are the true superstars of this time. They proved resilient amid this extraordinary moment in history!

**EARLY LEARNING &** CHARTER SCHOOL

In August of 2020, we reopened our doors and welcomed our students back to school. In order to allow for social distancing with desks, we opted to return with a hybrid schedule of A/B days. Our students learned remotely for three days a week, and in-person for the remaining two.

This schedule not only allowed for social distancing, but helped reduce possible cross-contamination to a smaller number of students. Masks were worn year-round, temperatures were checked upon arrival, and hand washing/sanitizing happened throughout each day. Our students ate lunch in their classrooms, assemblies and field trips were cancelled, and we took extra precautions with afterschool activities. No students were in the building on Wednesdays, a day dedicated to our staff thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing the school. We are happy to report that no COVID transmissions took place within Guadalupe School, though there were times during which we moved our students to 100% online learning when we knew of increased rates of COVID within our families. Following spring break, we increased the number of students that were here four days a week. We began with students most in need of in-person learning, and by the end of our school year, nearly all of our students were here four days per week.



Guadalupe School knows that the digital divide is a challenge for its families, but we didn't realize how wide that divide is until the pandemic.

Many of our families lack internet access and we immediately invested in hot spots to send home so students could participate in school on their remote learning days. However, an even larger issue became clear: digital literacy within our families was very low. Students brought home Chromebooks, but parents often lacked the skills to help their children navigate them. Guadalupe hired a Family Technical Support specialist to teach parents how to use the hotspots, how to log their children onto Zoom and Google classroom, as well as basics of computer usage.

The digital divide wasn't the only problem with remote learning; the majority of our families have two working parents, and our students often lacked adult supervision during the day. Many weren't logging on to their computers until late in the evenings, when a parent or guardian were present to help them, or they were at daycare and unable to participate in online learning at all. At the time of our year-end assessments, we determined that 70% of our kids either stagnated in their learning, or fell behind. The learning loss led us to implement our largest Summer School in Guadalupe history.



In a typical year, Guadalupe School welcomes 80-90 students to attend Summer School. This summer, over 200 students filled the halls of Guadalupe, more than doubling the amount of students in our building. Many members of our dedicated teaching staff chose to stick around for the summer months in order to work with our students to help get them back on track. These extra weeks were vital in making up for learning loss.

Although academics were the focus of Summer School, we made sure our students had some fun as well! Each Friday, our students embarked on field trips. Silver Lake, Clark Planetarium, splash pads, and trailheads for hiking are just a handful examples of this summer's destinations. We are thrilled that Guadalupe School was able to give our students a safe place and enriching experience this



In July 2020, we welcomed our adult students back to Guadalupe for in-person English language classes and tutoring groups. For reasons consistent with those of our Charter School, digital English classes were extremely challenging for our Adult Education students. We limited our class sizes to 50% capacity, required masks, and maintained social distancing. As was the case with our younger students, no COVID transmissions occurred among our adult students.

Guadalupe's Adult Education program was the only program in the city that reopened to in-person classes in 2020. Students that attended during the pandemic proved extremely dedicated to learning English and achieving academic milestones. In June 2021, seven students graduated from our program, having completed five years of education at Guadalupe School, and as of July 1, 2021, four students enrolled in Adult Education passed their U.S. Citizenship exams.

### A MESSAGE FROM **OUR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**



My name is Becky Youkstetter, and I am honored to be the new Development Director at Guadalupe School. I am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful school and community organization. I joined the school last September and what a year it has been! I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting our students in this remarkably difficult time. We were unsure how our funding would fluctuate this year. The need during this pandemic has been universal and our donors truly stepped up to support our students and families. Thanks to you, we were able to not only maintain, but expand our services to our students: meals were delivered by our busses to help combat food insecurity, items such as new coats, shoes, and necessities were donated, and we were able to offer summer school to all of our students. None of this would have been possible without our amazing community of supporters. My heart is full with gratitude for you. Thank you for your generosity!