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## **RE: AEEP-Alternative Education Enrichment Program**

## Parents:

In the ever changing landscape of educational options we are pleased to announce the newest Enrichment Program for the upcoming School Year beginning in August.

With the new Step Up For Students Scholarship Programs from the State of Florida, parents can apply for the PPE Scholarship with awards up to \$10,000 annually to use for Private Educational and Enrichment Programs for their child. For additional information and to apply for the new PPE Scholarship visit **StepUpForStudents.org** 

Research has shown that the "virtual school" (AEEP) population has been growing at an estimated annual rate by as much as 8%. Students that participate in an alternative learning program (AEEP) benefit from a smaller more individualized learning environment. The new AEEP Program will offer students a wide array of benefits not commonly found in a large public or private school setting.

## **Benefits and Motivations for AEEP Programs:**

- State of Florida approved curriculum that can be customized to suit the individual needs and learning pace for each child
- Self-paced learning
- Small group sizes (7-10 per group)
- One on one assistance
- Accomplish more academically than in standard school settings
- Provides guided and reasoned social interactions with peers and adults
- Provides a safer environment for children away from physical violence, drugs/alcohol, psychological abuse, racism, improper and unhealthy sexuality associated views
- Provides an alternative approach when public or private schools are closed due to unforeseen situations
- Teaches and imparts a particular set of values, beliefs, and worldview to children

Further studies have shown that AEEP Programs show that children educated in a smaller environment typically are above average in social-emotional and psychological development. Research measures include peer interaction, self-concept, leadership skills, family cohesion, participation in community service, and self-esteem.

Additional information to follow!

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