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Updates on School Closure: March 15, 2020

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Dear Yu Ming Families,

I am writing to share important updates regarding our school closure which begins tomorrow, March 16, and is currently scheduled through March 27.

The health and safety of all of our students, staff, and families remain our first priority. We will continue to consult federal, state, and local guidance this week and communicate with you as soon as we have confirmed if and for how long the school closure may extend.

Distance Learning and Technology Access

Distance Learning for Yu Ming students will begin this Wednesday, and teachers and staff will spend the next two days continuing to prepare lessons and materials. **By Tuesday all families will receive our Distance Learning Plan along with lesson packets by grade and class.** On Tuesday teachers will also make a phone call to each of their classroom families to confirm receipt of the Plan and that you are able to access the digital resources your class will be using. Members of the Student Support Team will also contact families to ensure that all children with IEP's receive work aligned with their IEP goals.

To participate in remote instruction at home, each Yu Ming student will need the following tools:

- Wi-Fi access with Internet
- Personal laptop or Chromebook with a camera
- Headphone with microphone
- Printer access to print hard copy materials

If you do not have any of the items listed above please make plans to secure them before Wednesday. If you would like the school's support in securing these items please contact Yu-Shuan Tarango-Sho on ysho@yumingschool.org or (510) 452-2063. Should you need them, on **Tuesday, March 17, 1-5pm printed copies of the Distance Learning packets, along with Chromebooks, headphones will be distributed to an adult at the Upper School MLK Campus** (675 41st St., Oakland) at the main office with entry on 41st St.

Yu Ming will use **Zoom video conferencing for students in Grades 2-8** to enable virtual classes with their teacher and classmates. Each student will need access to sufficient internet speed and a device with a camera compatible with Zoom. Chromebooks, computers, newer smartphones (iPhone and Android) and iPads should work.

- Visit <https://zoom.us/test> to test out and download any required software. School Chromebooks will already have the required software installed.
- Test your internet speed: <https://www.google.com/search?q=speed+test>. Each student will require approximately 1Mbs up and 1 Mbs down, if your home internet uses Xfinity, AT&T Uverse or Sonic Fiber then it should be fast enough to support several students online at the same time.
- If your home connection is DSL and the speed test is lower than that, please reach out to the school so that we can try a test.

Grade K-1 students will have one-on-one check-ins with their teachers to support with their class Distance Learning Plan. More details will be sent on Tuesday.

Other Supports

We have determined that we are unable to provide childcare on our campuses during the school closure. However, we will continue to distribute meals for students who rely on them. Families that receive Free/Reduced Price Meals may pick up meals for the week on Monday, March 16, 8am-12pm, at the Lower School Alcatraz Campus (1086 Alcatraz Ave). In addition, OUSD will open 12 schools throughout the city where free “Grab and Go” breakfast and lunch meals will be available for ALL children under 18, including children enrolled in Yu Ming and other charter schools, and their siblings under 18.

Meals will be distributed every Monday and Thursday 8:00-12:00 at the following locations:

- Northwest/West Oakland: Sankofa ES, West Oakland MS and Hoover ES
- Central Oakland: Oakland HS and Garfield ES
- East Oakland: Bret Harte MS, Life Academy/United for Success, Coliseum College Prep Academy, Madison Park, Fremont HS, Castlemont HS and Elmhurst United MS

Please bring a grocery bag or cooler to bring food home for the week. We appreciate our OUSD partners for providing this essential service to our families!

As a reminder, please take measures to continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Wash hands with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds)
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough
- Consult your health care provider if you or your child has special health conditions that put you at increased risk

As parents and teachers, it is our job to support our children through this challenging time. They can feel scared and worried and we should communicate with our action and words that: Adults are doing everything we can to make sure they are safe. Only use facts to describe what is happening. Here are links to parent resources for talking with children about COVID-19.

- **[National Associations of School Psychologists and School Nurses](#)**
- **[Center for Disease Control](#)**

We understand this is an uncertain time for everyone, but please be reassured that Yu Ming teachers and staff are doing all we can to ensure the safety and continued learning of our students. We are keeping the situation under constant review and will update our community of any changes when they arise.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at ymclosure@yumingschool.org.

In community,



Sue Park Head of School

Schedule During School Closure (March 16-27)

• **Monday, March 16**

- Campuses closed to students. Offices closed to walk-in visitors
- 8:00-12:00 Free Meal pick up at Lower School (1086 Alcatraz Ave.)

• **Tuesday March 17**

- Campuses closed to students. Offices closed to walk-in visitors
- 1:00-5:00 Distance learning packets and borrowed Chromebook/headphone pick up at Upper School (675 41st St.)
- Teachers and Student Support Team contact families

• **Wednesday, March 18-26**

- Distance learning for students
- Campuses closed to students. Offices closed to walk-in visitors