

Subject: Alameda County Announcement and Reopening Update

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Dear Yu Ming Families,

As our week of Parent-Teacher Conferences comes to a close, I want to thank you all for your participation and partnership with our teachers to continue to support your students' success in school this year.

I write today about our anticipated path toward reopening for in-person learning. Last week, many Bay Area counties were moved from the "purple" level to the "red" level on the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) including San Francisco, San Mateo, and Alameda counties. This means that schools in these counties can begin to reopen with permission from their county departments of public health. Yesterday, the Alameda County Office of Education and Alameda County Public Health [announced](#) that, beginning on October 13th, elementary schools (Grades K-6) may begin limited in-class instruction, followed by middle and high school students in the subsequent months "in four to twelve-week phases as local disease conditions allow."

According to the announcement, elementary schools will be eligible for reopening under the following conditions:

- Alameda County remains in red for 14 consecutive days (e.g. Sept 22-Oct 6)
- ACOE and ACPH approve the school's comprehensive reopening plan

As I shared in my previous [message of September 3](#), most of our students will receive 100% distance learning through December, but we are now able to begin to consider an earlier transition to hybrid learning for some of our students.

Next week, together with our Instructional Leadership Team, teachers, and staff, we will spend time re-assessing Yu Ming's plans and timing for the transition to our hybrid model. As always, our planning will be grounded in science, Yu Ming community safety, and student learning needs. We will continue to approach the transition to reopening incrementally and in phases with the following conditions:

- Ensuring Yu Ming is prepared to implement all required health and safety standards and county public health guidance
- Prioritizing in-person instruction for our highest needs students including our youngest students
- Teachers and staff feel prepared to ensure program and learning continuity throughout the transition

To help us anticipate everyone's needs, next week we will also send all families a short survey so that you can share your plan and preferences regarding a potential transition to on-site learning.

Before we depart for our fall break (Oct 12-16), on October 9th, I will share more details on the transition to our hybrid model phase.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and care, and Happy Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节快乐, Zhōngqiū jié kuàilè)! I hope you are staying safe and finding ways to enjoy family and loved ones at this time of year.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Park", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sue Park
Head of School