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To: All Families

Subject: [Response Required] Hybrid Model Next Steps and Reopening Model Selection Form

Dear Yu Ming Families,

I write to share next steps in our planned transition to Yu Ming's Hybrid Model. In response to pandemic conditions, Yu Ming is prepared to shift between two learning models: 100% Distance Learning and Hybrid (e.g. some in-person instruction and some virtual instruction). Linked in this message below is a form we are asking all families to complete to indicate their preferred instructional program once Yu Ming is permitted to move to a Hybrid Model.

Current Alameda County Status

As of today, Alameda County's status in the state's reopening [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) is Purple. Per state order, schools that are already open will not be required to close. However, schools that have yet opened will not be permitted to open until Alameda moves to a less restrictive tier such as Red, Orange, or Yellow.

We will continue to work diligently and put all available resources towards beginning a phased reopening in January. However, as our County and Country continues to move through ever-evolving circumstances, we will not be able to open in the new year until Alameda County moves out of the Purple tier. In the meantime, Yu Ming is permitted to continue to offer on-site support and instruction to small groups of students in greatest need of in-person learning using the state's Small Cohort Guidance. We will continue to work with ACOE and ACPHD to determine scenarios in which our school is able to serve students within public health guidelines.

Hybrid or Distance Learning Program Selection Form

As conditions permit, once Yu Ming is able to open and for the remainder of this school year, we will offer both Hybrid and Distance Learning programs. We understand that some families may still choose to keep their children at home. In order to finalize schedules and the necessary resource and staffing allocations required, we are asking all families to **complete this [Selection](#)**

[Form](#) before Monday, Nov 23rd at 5pm. To help you make an informed decision, we have provided additional information below.

We are asking that you commit to either Hybrid or Distance Learning for the remainder of the school year once Yu Ming is permitted to open, so please consider your choice carefully. If you change your placement decision after the Selection Form deadline, you will be placed on a waiting list and switched based on capacity. Families who do not complete the Selection Form will be placed in the Distance Learning cohort. Once the survey closes, you can expect to learn more about your specific schedule including potential cohort changes at least two school weeks before your child's return to campus.

Hybrid and Distance Learning Programs Overview

Our phased reopening will begin with one grade or grade band at a time over the course of six weeks. The timeline will be based on conditions at the beginning of our phased reopening, and subject to change based on state and county guidelines.

- Depending on the demand for each Program, some of our current cohorts and teacher assignments may be adjusted to accommodate family selections, but we do not anticipate having to make many changes.
- Hybrid Model cohorts will remain stable, and consist of approximately 15 students.
- Hybrid Model students will primarily work asynchronously at home on the days they are not onsite with the possibility of some synchronous Zoom classes or small group support.
- Distance Learning Model students will remain in 100% virtual instruction in a Distance Learning cohort. Staffing of this cohort depends on demand. If there is large demand for Distance Learning at a particular grade, the program will be similar to the current Distance Learning program. However, if there is little demand, then there will likely be some change in model, potentially with students Zooming in live to in-person classes.

Grades K and 1:

- Hybrid Model students will attend school in person 4 days per week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from around 8:30am to about 2pm at the Lower School Campus, 1086 Alcatraz Avenue.
- Based on the October Family Survey, If we have a similar number of students select Distance Learning, we anticipate being able to assign a dedicated Distance Learning home room teacher for Grade K and another for Grade 1.

Grades 2-8:

- Hybrid Model students will attend school in person 2 days per week from around 8:30am to about 2 to 3pm at the Yu Ming Upper School Campus, 675 41st Street.

Transition to In Person School with Hybrid Model

Prior to returning to school, all students and staff will participate in training on the required safety protocols and procedures. During the week prior to your child's return to school, their instructional program will consist mostly of asynchronous work in order to give the returning grade's teachers time to prepare the classroom setting.

All families must commit to following our safety protocols prior to returning, you will be asked to do the following:

- Sign a Community Pledge
- Sign a Waiver of Liability
- Have students take an onsite COVID test or provide a negative test result within the stated time frame prior to returning.

Community Health Town Hall

Yu Ming is hosting a Community Health Town Hall on Wed, Nov 18, 6-7:30pm [Zoom Link](#). Yu Ming Covid-19 Response Task Force members and parents Dr. Justin Davis (G3 parent), Dr. Reenee Nandi (G3 & G5 parent), and Dr. Erica Pan (G6 & Alum Parent) will present on the latest science about COVID and the implications for reopening school. The school will present highlights of our reopening safety procedures. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of our panel, and leadership team. If you are unable to attend the town hall, a recording will be provided.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and partnership during these times. I understand how difficult this situation continues to be for each member of our community, and we are grateful for the collective strength and care you demonstrate. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, our Director of Operations Emily Wood or Principal Greg Callahan.

Sincerely,



Sue Park
Head of School

Attachments:

[Program Selection Form - English](#)

[节目选择表-中文](#)

[Formulario de selección de programa - Español](#)