

Dear COFS Families,

As the number of COVID-19 cases begins to increase dramatically in our city and beyond, the need for social distancing has become even more imperative. With the latest health recommendations in mind, and to support the wellbeing of our students, faculty, staff and broader community, we have decided to extend our school closure through Friday, April 3.

Leading up to this decision, our faculty, staff and members of our Board of Directors have been in and out of virtual meetings all week, working tirelessly to develop a plan for continuity of academics. Our Distance Learning Program (DLP) will roll out on Monday, March 30, to support our early childhood, grades and enrichment programs. We are proactively anticipating your most immediate questions and will soon be sharing additional details about the DLP with you.

Next week, we will allow parents to pick up their child(ren)'s school materials, at the times shown below. Though we are holding hope that this will be the last of our closure extensions, we are preparing for the unknown. We are prepared and committed to provide continual, dedicated service through distance education for as long as we need to, whether that is for one week or through the end of the school year, thus parents will be sent with enough supplies to last the remaining eight weeks of school.

Our schedule for the weeks ahead:

- Monday 3/23 through Friday 3/27 Spring Break
- Thursday 3/26 Supplies pick-up
 - 10 a.m. to noon
 - 1 to 3 p.m.
- Friday 3/27 Supplies pick-up
 - 10 a.m. to noon
 - 1 to 3 p.m.
- Monday 3/30 DLP begins

As we strive to keep up with the ever-changing pandemic and its effects on the world around us, we are hopeful that each of you are healthy and enjoying deeper family connections at home, while discovering new ways to be social. We have tremendous gratitude for each of you and your ability to adapt to all that is being thrown your way.

We will continue to monitor the situation and <u>communicate</u> with you regularly. As always, please <u>contact</u> <u>us</u> with any thoughts or questions you may have.

Wishing you health and happiness, Daniela