

March 22, 2020

Dear Oakland Families -

As a school family, we have spent the past few weeks monitoring and engaging in the rapidly changing COVID-19 coronavirus health issue in our region and across the world. Every step we have taken has been after thoughtful consideration and deep discussions with many who are invested in both the education and well-being of our children and community. We have been working closely with our district leadership, school board, educators, health departments and elected officials to plan for what the CDC suggested would be a required change from our daily routines.

As advised in prior communication, and as an update today, districts will **remain closed until further notice**. As we move forward into our second week, the learning plan for our middle school students will remain in effect and your child's teacher will continue to provide learning support. Our elementary students will begin working on the provided packet for week two. Later this week, all elementary families will be hearing from your child's teacher regarding the transition into technology-based distance learning as we move toward weeks three and beyond of our mandated school closure.

Please be advised after Monday, March 23rd, due to the governor's stay at home order, any issues with a school-issued device will be addressed remotely only. Device replacement will not be an option due to this order, however, please know that our technology department will be readily accessible to assist families with issues related to remote access, logins and general programming support.

We close by sharing how thankful and humbled we are by each and every one of our family members as we navigate this unprecedented challenge. It is our hope each day that this period of time passes and all of our family members are healthy and safe. Let us not forget to both act with precaution and be careful with our own health. We will continue to have challenges in front of us and know we can meet these challenges together.

Best Regards,

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Mr. Sean Bowe, Principal Dogwood Hill Elementary School
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