

## Campus Closure Extension

As the coronavirus outbreak continues and we remain at home, we await the effect of our social distancing efforts on the spread in the Bay Area and beyond.

This morning, we learned that public health officials from six Bay Area counties (including San Francisco) made a unified, regional decision to extend the stay at home mandate for students and school personnel. Public schools in these counties will remain closed until May 1, 2020 to maximize this effect and to protect students, staff, and communities. "We understand public schools are an essential part of our greater community and we need to work together during this time to take care of each other," said SF Board of Education President Mark Sanchez. "This is a time to make short-term sacrifices and set the right example for our young people."

In alignment with this strategy, The San Francisco School will comply with this mandate, and our campus will stay closed until May 1. I am sure this will be the case for all local independent schools. As emphasized in this morning's announcement, it is absolutely crucial that all residents of the Bay Area work together to slow the spread of coronavirus by adhering to the shelter-in-place orders.

Although this development may not be unexpected, I am aware that the uncertainty and duress of our current and constantly shifting situation is hard to bear. I hope I can offer some reassurance in that SFS will continue to adapt to these circumstances as thoughtfully and flexibly as possible. We will continue with *School on the Go* as well as virtual enrichment activities as we regularly assess the needs and capacity of our community.

The health and safety of our SFS community is paramount. This is what guides the Board of Trustees and Administration in making decisions regarding the wellbeing of our families and staff. Together, we strive to be resilient in the face of these ongoing challenges.

In partnership,

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