

Stronger Together

Dear SFS Community:

As we head into Spring Break, the good news is that early data suggests that we are flattening the curve! But even though the rate of spread is slowing, the toll of coronavirus grows, and the most challenging days may be yet to come. Taking this into account, there are many factors to consider regarding the reopening of our Gaven St. campus.

- Earlier this week, San Francisco Mayor London Breed said the shelter in place order may be extended beyond May 3rd.
- California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and Governor Gavin Newsom recommended keeping school buildings closed until the end of the year and focusing on distance learning.
- The San Francisco Department of Public Health continues to assess public safety, making increasingly more stringent recommendations about physical distancing.
- The SFS Board of Trustees, Administration, and Emergency Preparedness Team remain vigilant and continuously integrate official directives, SFUSD and peer school strategies, and the risks and benefits of physical distancing in determining campus closure and/or reopening.

We are stronger together. The San Francisco School will maintain a unified strategy in accordance with our city and county health officials. Although currently there are no definitive plans to close campus for the remainder of the semester, realistically we must prepare, mentally and logistically, for the possibility.

In the meantime, I wish you a restorative Spring Break and good health. The Extended Day team will be revealing its awesome schedule of Spring Break "camps" later today. I hope you find creative ways of spending time with your family and friends, in- and outside, on and off screens.