

March 13, 2020

Good afternoon, Explorer Families,

In alignment with actions taken throughout Sacramento County and with full support of the Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH), and in collaboration with the Natomas Unified school district, Westlake Charter School is announcing a three-week school closure through Sunday, April 5th to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Please know that this may change, but we will be sure to keep you updated regularly.

Please note that during the time of this closure our BASE program will be closed and all scheduled school events, including field lessons, will be canceled or postponed.

Families, our mission reads, “We demonstrate what is possible when school and community collaborate.” We are committed to our mission during this unprecedented time - we will work together to provide support for all students and families. Our first priority is the safety of our community, and therefore school will only reopen for students when recommended by state and county public health officials.

Families, we want you to know that Westlake Charter School will act as a community hub, helping families stay connected during this closure. Our staff will develop distance learning activities that will focus on keeping our children connected to their community and provide some consistency in their daily lives. These activities will be designed to provide academic and social-emotional support to our students with daily lessons, opportunities to stay connected using the internet and, where possible, access to counseling services.

Westlake Charter School is committed to collaborating with all community partners to support our families during this time. For example, in collaboration with our WAVE team, we hope to connect families to one another to provide additional support within our community. Further, in collaboration with NUSD, meals for all children in the community can be found daily at regional food distribution sites. Please visit the Natomas Unified School District [website](#) for more details.

As information becomes available, and as further planning develops, we will stay in communication with our families.

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Until we communicate again, our team will spend time planning for distance learning and developing ways to keep our community connected. During this time we will continue to post resources to [our website](#).

Thank you families for working together during this closure, and if you have any thoughts, questions or concerns, or if there is any way that the school can assist your family during this time, please reach out to our team at [admin@westlakecharter.com](mailto:admin@westlakecharter.com).

Sincerely,

John Eick  
Executive Director  
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