

April 3, 2020

Good afternoon, Explorer Families,

Our community has shown demonstrations of perseverance and stewardship these past few weeks. Our students are engaged in joyful learning at home, our staff are designing Distance Learning lessons focused on excellence and inquiry, and our community will continue to reflect on this moment in time. When we started this journey early last month, we had hoped our closure would be short-lived, and that we would get to see our students' smiling faces once again at morning line-up, in the drop-off line, or biking around campus.

As mentioned in previous announcements, we promised our community that we would continue to keep you updated on new information regarding our school's closure. Families, just yesterday, the Natomas Unified School District announced their decision to continue distance learning for the remainder of their school year. Today, the Sacramento County of Education, in coordination with the Sacramento County Public Health Department, [announced](#) that all Districts in Sacramento County have agreed to keep their campuses closed through the end of the school year to jointly support the coronavirus mitigation effort.

Therefore, Westlake Charter School, in coordination with the Sacramento County Office of Education, the Natomas Unified School District and all Charter Schools in Natomas, is announcing that we will continue Distance Learning for the remainder of our school year.

While the campus may be closed, we want our families to know that our teachers are continuing to build Distance Learning opportunities that can be accessed by students every day. Now that we are clear that the campus will not reopen this year, our school staff will begin to design the remainder of the school year's calendar. Please read the Westlake Weekly for updated calendar information regarding events such as spirit days and end of year opportunities to continue keeping our community engaged.

Families, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to each of you, your students and our staff for keeping our community connected during this unprecedented moment. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns about this or any topic, please consult our FAQ page, and do not hesitate to reach out to our team directly at admin@westlakecharter.com.

Thank you again Explorer Families.

And as always... Let's Explore!

Sincerely,

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