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A WHOLE SCHOLAR APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Dear WISH Family and Friends,

A tremendous **thank you** to everyone during this unprecedented time as we continue to prioritize supporting the health and care of the WISH family while maintaining a rich learning environment for your children.

Our WISH faculty and staff have demonstrated incredible leadership in the area of distance learning and are **being acknowledged as an example of excellence** for other schools to use as they build out their own distance learning programs. Thank you to all of our school leaders, faculty, and staff members for being the kind of people who have not only risen up to meet the needs of students and families but who have exceeded our expectations by creating our remarkable distance learning program virtually overnight.

As information continues to emerge regarding campus closures during the global coronavirus outbreak, I want to share the latest information. This week Governor Newsom announced that students in California will not physically return to school campuses for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. LACOE Superintendent Dr. Debra Duardo also has recommended all districts and schools in Los Angeles County plan to provide virtual learning to students through the end of the school year.

Both WISH Community and WISH Academy will adhere to a continuation of distance learning through the end of this school year unless new circumstances emerge requiring a change.

Our teachers, counselors, school leaders, technology team and staff have done exceptional work to keep our students engaged, learning and connected during this challenging time. We will continue to implement best practices in distance learning while seeking to evolve in our practice through collaboration with other school leaders and experts in the field of virtual learning.

We know there are questions left unanswered and many details are still to be worked out. Over the next few weeks, your school leaders will provide additional information about grading, promotions and culminations, and other important activities and rituals that we have come to know, love, and look forward to. Please also check our website for distance learning updates and continue to reach out to your teachers and principals for support.

While we all work together to navigate these uncertain times, we continue to be inspired by the entire WISH community. We've seen hundreds of photos and videos of our students working hard at home, like some included in this note! We know that all of the amazing adults in your homes - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, and siblings have provided a ton of extra support during distance learning and it is because of your amazing support that the virtual learning program has been successful.

In closing please enjoy a few clips celebrating educators and scholars being remarkable, creative, and supportive during these few weeks of distance learning:

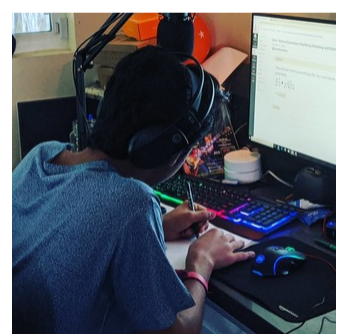
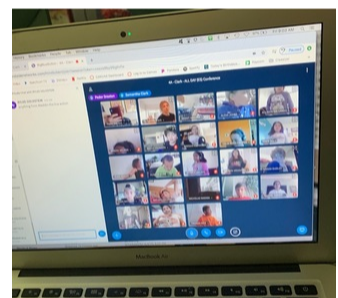
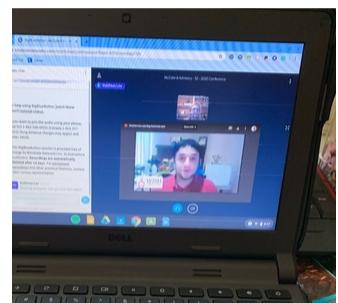
- [WISH Middle School](#) conducting its first-ever virtual service-learning assembly.
- The [WISH Academy](#) "super" education team working hard in a virtual world!

Please enjoy your Spring Break, April 6th-17th, and we will see you virtually back online with WISH on Monday, April 20th.

With immense gratitude,

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