Dear WISH Families and Staff,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy, safe, and strong during these unprecedented and challenging times. Our full attention is on creating the best virtual learning experience for each and every one of our young people. We are doing our utmost to support our teachers, students, and their families! As we navigate our way forward we recommend that as a community we work together to remain vigilant in following the guidelines set by our public health officials and that everyone continues to stay safe at home!

As we begin our second week of distance learning, we want to provide you with another update to ensure you have the latest information.

The closure of all WISH schools will extend through at least May 4, 2020, due to the ongoing coronavirus situation. As of now, we will plan to reopen on Monday, May 4, 2020, but an additional extension of the closure beyond that date is possible. Distance learning and instruction will continue at all WISH schools. Our amazing teachers, specialists, staff, counselors and school leaders will continue to provide remote teaching, meaningful and engaging learning experiences, and a responsive online environment for social-emotional connections!

WISH’s leadership team made the decision to extend the closure following CA Governor Newsom’s announcement on Thursday of a new public health order for people to stay at home to increase social distancing, and the LA County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo’s recommendation to close all schools in Los Angeles County through May 4, 2020. In addition, Austin Beutner, superintendent from LAUSD shared this morning that all LAUSD facilities will remain closed until at least May 1st. This final decision to close facilities was made in consultation with school district superintendents from across the state and per the health and safety recommendations of our Governor.

We understand how challenging these times are and we appreciate your support. We are deeply proud of all of our WISH teachers, specialists, counselors, administrators, and staff who are working hard to support our students and families. The health and safety of our WISH family and beyond is our highest priority.

Please watch for updated information on the WISH website at www.wishcharter.org.

We are working hard to respond to all the requests and needs of our families. Please note the links below for technical supports and material requests:

Immediate Technology Support:  
https://planetbravo.com/assist/  

Student Supplies and Materials Request Form:  
- CLICK HERE

Tricks and Tips for Improving Internet At Home:  
- CLICK HERE

State Testing:  
State testing has been suspended for the 2019-2020 academic year. In addition to the programs our students are already familiar with (MobyMax, Achieve 3000 and Khan Academy) there are resources available online through the State Testing Site for students to continue practicing grade-level concepts and standards:  
SBAC Practice and Training Link

We are deeply grateful for all of the ways that our WISH family is coming together to support one another. Our transition to virtual learning has been exemplary thanks to the enormous talent and commitment of our incredible team. Our school campuses may be closed, but we continue to be here for you. Be on the lookout for invitations to participate in virtual meetings with your principals and grade level meetings with room parents. We are all working together to communicate and connect to ensure maximal support, guidance, and enrichment. Please reach out if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

With gratitude and care,

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