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Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents:

As you know, the coronavirus situation in our country and our community is developing quickly. There are no known confirmed cases in our community, however the World Health Organization has declared this a global pandemic. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution and following the advice of public health and medical experts, the Board of Regents in collaboration with our school principals and preschool directors, has made the decision to close our campuses after today's classes. We will be resuming instruction through online or alternative modalities beginning next Wednesday, March 18. We will continue in this mode until March 27th. We will re-evaluate the need to extend the closures as the situation develops and additional information becomes available.

This was a difficult decision to make; we understand the disappointment and difficulties it may cause to parents, faculty, staff and students. However, by being proactive and implementing such community wide measures, we are doing our part to limit the spread of the coronavirus. We are confident that this is the right decision for our students, our families, and the greater community.

Plan of Action

- Students will be given Friday-Tuesday off from classes so that Administration and faculty can meet to prepare more fully for a transition to online/ alternative modes of learning, which will begin next Wednesday, March 18.
- Each individual School will email students and parents over the next few days with additional details.
- All extracurricular, co-curricular, athletic, and club activities will also stop until further notice.

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How You Can Help

- Social distancing
- Good hygiene - washing your hands often with soap and water and using hand sanitizers, especially after using the restroom or touching common area surfaces such as doorknobs, railings, and countertops.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid large-scale events such as professional sports competitions or smaller but highly social events such as parties.
- Travel - You will need to make decisions for your own family about spring break travel. For international trips, please refer to the list of foreign travel advisories published by the Centers for Disease Control. If you do intend to travel over spring break, even just domestically, please let your School Administration know. Note that you may be asked by Public Health authorities or School Administration to self-quarantine upon your return to Los Angeles and the re-opening of the Schools.

We know that you will have a number of questions about the specific school plans as it pertains to classes and activities. Please direct these questions directly to your School's Administration.

We understand that the closures of the schools on short notice may create complications for your family. The Board of Regents stands ready to help in whatever way we can during this unsettling time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gaboudian

Board of Regents Chairperson