



April 30, 2020

Dear OFY Families,

**Following the advice of public health professionals, we have decided to extend distance learning measures through months one and two of the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.** All students should be prepared to continue working remotely until at least August 25th, 2020. However, during this time OFY leadership will remain in contact with government and health officials and make arrangements to open campuses sooner if feasible. We will contact you immediately should there be additional changes to the distance learning timeline.

Parents, we understand the extension of distance learning may also extend logistical obstacles for you and your family. Please know that this decision was not made lightly. Ultimately, the health of OFY students, families, and staff is our primary concern. We'll open campus doors again once our state officials and public health experts advise it is prudent to do so, and there is a plan in place to accommodate incoming students safely and effectively.

We're grateful that the blended learning model here at OFY was so uniquely positioned to move students and instruction to remote platforms seamlessly. Despite the challenges we've all faced recently, we hope that you've found our approach to distance learning to be effective and enjoyable. OFY teachers and staff are committed to helping you work toward and achieve your academic and personal goals.

If you find yourself struggling during this period - physically, emotionally, &/or academically - please reach out to your teacher or an OFY staff member as soon as possible. We're here to support you! The sooner we know about your struggles, the sooner we can arrange to get you some help. OFY has a wide range of support staff available to assist you, including counselors, tutors, and intervention specialists to name a few. Also, please be sure to follow OFY on social media so you can stay abreast of program changes related to COVID-19.

Thank you again for your flexibility and resilience during this time. We're honored to have you as a part of our OFY family.

Sincerely,

Options For Youth Leadership