



April 9, 2020

Dear OFY Families,

Thankfully, California's stay-at-home order has greatly helped slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state compared to others that waited to take action. We have been carefully monitoring the pandemic over the last four weeks. In accordance with the advice of state officials, public health experts, and actions taken by neighboring school districts, **we have decided to extend the distance learning period through at least May 30th, 2020**. During this time, we encourage you and your family to stay in your homes as much as possible to continue the collective efforts of California residents to keep each other healthy.

Though the quick transition to distance learning presented some challenges, we are incredibly grateful for the flexibility and resilience demonstrated by OFY staff, students, and parents. Most OFY students are progressing through their coursework with the same speed and measure of success as they had been before the transition. Parents, we thank you especially for providing emotional support to your children during this time, creating spaces where they can focus, and monitoring their academic progress. We understand that for many of you, the stay-at-home order has presented emotional and financial hardships. Please know that we're all in this together. We appreciate you and stand with you every step of the way.

If you have any questions or concerns about the distance learning period extension, please contact your child's teacher. If you notice that your child is struggling to concentrate or is failing to demonstrate mature behavior online, please contact their teacher for support in developing strategies to get them back on track.

As always, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes via email. We also encourage you to stay connected via social media.

Sincerely,

Options For Youth Leadership