

Thursday, March 12, 2020

All Wah Mei School Sites Closed March 16 - March 27

Dear Families,

Today Wah Mei School is announcing actions to help limit COVID-19 risk in our schools and program sites. We do want to state there are no known cases of the coronavirus at any of our sites at this time. In the best interest of our children and families, we are following guidance provided from San Francisco Unified School District and will close all sites until March 27, 2020.

Program sites will close for 2 weeks beginning **Monday, March 16** through **Friday, March 27**. We are *tentatively* planning to reopen our sites on *Monday, March 30,2020*. Please know that circumstances may change and will be based on the latest CDC, CDE, SFDPH, SFUSD, and OECE guidance and COVID-19 information.

During this period, staff will be working part of this time to ensure they are ready and better prepared to serve your children. The site closures will provide staff with opportunities to plan for the remainder of the program year, participate in professional development trainings, and assist in further cleaning and disinfection of our program spaces.

We offer families the opportunity to apply for a (½ month) prorated tuition refund in recognition of this closure. If a family does not choose this option, the March tuition funds collected will go back to providing quality education and care of your children. WMS is a nonprofit organization that supports its community. We are in this together and your financial support would be greatly appreciated.

We understand a site closure with limited notice has a broad impact for families. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this unprecedented time. We are also grateful to our staff who have worked diligently during this challenging period to ensure we all are safe. In our assessment of the current situation, we believe this is the best course of action for our school and sites and the broader San Francisco community.

For more information on COVID-19 please reference the following links:

- SFDPH FAQ on Recommendations to Reduce the Spread of the Coronavirus March 6, 2020
- CDC Frequently Asked Questions and Answers COVID-19

Depending on your child's age, some helpful resources for you to discuss COVID-19 with your child may include:

- SFUSD Talking to Children about the Coronavirus
- Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus
- How to Talk to Kids About Coronavirus

We will continue to keep you updated with current information via email. All COVID-19 related announcements may also be found at www.wahmei.org under the News Section. Please also feel free to share this information with family and friends.

Thank you,

Ben Wong
Executive Director