



## March 12, 2020: Community Update

Dear CDS Community,

As we have seen the impact of COVID-19 grow over the past several days, we have consistently sought to balance all of our concerns for the health and safety of each other with our commitment to our students, families, and our colleagues.

We are tapping into our extensive community expertise to monitor the situation and following the directive of public health agencies to ensure we are looking at a variety of perspectives.

Currently, we are still open for now but we are assessing the latest data on a daily and hourly basis to determine whether closure may be necessary. This being said, we do expect some sort of closure to be imminent. If that directive comes, it will likely come quickly so we encourage you to think about your family's needs. If you are in a situation or know a family that may experience hardship due to a closure, please have them contact me. We will work to brainstorm solutions with you.

We understand that some of you may be choosing to keep your children home in an abundance of caution or to protect more fragile members of your family. We affirm and respect these decisions and know everyone is doing their best to make sense of the information we have. Teachers will email homework packets or publish homework on Google Classroom.

Lastly, as you saw in my note yesterday, Friday's Assembly by the Kindergarten Sequoias will be attended by the Sequoia parents only. We are serious about this; in fact, there will not even be coffee. We are sorry that we cannot have our usual community time together. Kindergarten and third-grade buddies will be on the yard, but other students will watch the assembly from their homerooms and 601. This is part of our work to follow health directives to keep groups smaller than 250.

As always, I appreciate the spirit of collaboration, support, and community I am witnessing from all members of the community. Thank you for your support, engagement, and flexibility.

You might appreciate [this article](#) about working from home.

Warmly,  
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