

March 19, 2020

Dear Odyssey Charter Schools Community Members:

Thank you again for your patience as we continue to navigate these challenging times. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we are committed to keeping you informed and sharing information as it becomes available to us.

As we mentioned in our March 16th letter, we were waiting on more detailed information from the Governor and Department of Education for guidance in ensuring we provide a continuum of education for our general education students, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners. Our focus this week has been to remain committed to our diverse by design model by securing equity and access for all learners. Therefore, we provided optional independent grade level packets, launched our breakfast and lunch meals for families, and ensured all students have access to a Chromebook and internet in the home.

Based on the update from California Department of Education (CDE) yesterday, the support we have received from the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA), the Desert Mountain SELPA, and other charter communities pooling together to share resources, our Administrative team and teaching staff are preparing their distance learning plans in the event that we are unable to physically re-open our campuses on April 6th, 2020.

**Optional Independent Grade Level Packets:** We are providing another opportunity for Odyssey and OCS-South families to pick up printed packets **on Friday, March 20th, 2020 from 8am-10am at the Odyssey Campus.** Our address is 725 W. Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA 91001. These optional independent grade level practice packets can also be found on our [website](#). Families can also access our [Online Resource Page](#) that we continue to update.

**Reminder School Meals:** For families who participate in our School Breakfast & Lunch Program and qualify for free/reduced price meals, breakfast and lunch will continue to be provided at the Aveson School Leaders location at 1919 East Pinecrest Drive, Altadena, CA 91001 between **7:15am-11:30am daily** until further notice. Please note, meals will not be provided during Odyssey's scheduled spring break for the period **March 30th, 2020 through April 3rd, 2020.**

**Communications:** You can expect communication directly from our Executive Director Lauren O'Neill, on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week through email, website, and our [Instagram account @odysseycharterschools](#). Parent Facebook pages: Odyssey "OCS Parents (Altadena) and [OCS- South Facebook](#) page if you would like to join these groups. Additionally, Teaching faculty are beginning to reach out to students and families to support our students' social and emotional well-being.

Our goal remains the safety of our students, families, and staff by limiting contact and helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate your patience, compassion, and understanding as we work diligently to support our community during these challenging times.

In gratitude of your support,

Lauren O'Neill, Executive Director  
Odyssey Charter Schools