

A message from OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

Good Afternoon OSA Families,

Due to a staff shortage as a result of quarantines due to exposure to, or infection with, COVID-19, we regret to inform you that we are unable to continue to provide person-to-person instruction to students and need to institute an emergency school closure for the remainder of this week. We have exhausted all options for obtaining staff coverage, including using all certificated staff and substitute teacher options, and consulting with the Alameda County Office of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction in determining that staffing needs cannot be met through any option.

We understand and apologize for the burden this closure will have on families and assure you that we have done all we can to keep school open in a safe and productive manner. We are currently planning on a return to campus for Tuesday, January 18th. We are not permitted to offer distance learning as we did last year due to changes in State law, but all teachers will be posting self-guided work on Google Classroom for students to complete during this emergency school closure. This work will be due on Tuesday, January 18th, and students can communicate with teachers via email with any questions or needs for support. Students are being notified of this closure this afternoon and will be instructed to bring home all necessary materials. We will also be offering a material pick up at OSA later this week. Details will be shared once they are finalized. Students receiving special education and related services will be contacted directly by their case managers.

Please understand, this is a fluid situation, and these plans may change. We will keep you informed of our progress in addressing the temporary staffing shortage.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate these ongoing challenges as a community,
Mike Oz
Principal
Oakland School for the Arts