



March 13, 2020

To: River Charter Schools Parents and Guardians
From: Steve Lewis, Superintendent

URGENT: RIVER CHARTER SCHOOLS CLOSED MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

Considering the ever-changing situation with COVID-19, River Charter Schools (Delta Elementary Charter and Lighthouse Charter School) will be closed beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, April 13, 2020.

We did not take this decision lightly and recognize that this may cause a hardship for some families. River Charter Schools will continue to communicate directly with families and staff with updates about re-opening, learning alternatives, and the availability of school meals.

Our School administrators appreciate the proactive illness prevention steps that our families and staff have committed to during this past several weeks. Illness prevention steps make a significant difference in safeguarding the health of our communities, and we encourage continued attention in this effort.

Important facts about what we will be doing during this closure:

Deep Cleaning of Campuses and Classrooms

While school is out, deep cleaning of all campuses will occur, including sports equipment, play structures, and a thorough cleaning of all surfaces throughout the schools.

Specifics of Closure

All Programs:

This closure also means that professional development, school events, and extracurricular activities scheduled between, Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 13, 2020, are canceled or may be rescheduled.

All before and after school programs at DECS/LCS will be closed for the same duration.

Student Meals

DECS and LCS will continue to provide meals for all our students who currently qualify for free or reduced lunch. DECS students will be able to pick up their lunches in the cafeteria and LCS students will be able to pick up lunches on the LCS campus.

This situation continues to develop and our goal has been and will continue to be to coordinate closely



with Yolo County Department of Public Health. I want to thank our River Charter School teachers and staff for their work and continued professionalism as we navigate this health crisis.

I will continue to stay in close conversation with the city, state, and local officials, and partners as our entire region responds to new guidance and a call to take an active role combating COVID-19. Please expect regular updates during the closure. Any important updates will be shared as quickly as possible with our school community and available on our websites and Facebook pages.

I commend our entire school community for their patience and understanding as we continue to keep the health and safety of our students, staff and families our priority.

Sincerely,

Steve Lewis, Superintendent