



## LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE GIFTED

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Dear Families,

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I am sure, that like me, you are still processing what the COVID-19 pandemic means for your family, the community and the world. As we process the virus and understand the importance of social distancing, school **will remain closed until at least April 20th**. Assessments will be made each week and if/when it is extended, you will be notified once again.

I assured you that LISG would move to an online program without pause. Our academic program has rigor and relevance within our brick walls or virtually. We are not closed, we just moved, for now.

The staff at LISG is like no other! They have risen to this incredible challenge because they are reflective, scholar practitioners. Their creativity and flexibility in transitioning online happened within a weekend! Together, they were a high powered team and demonstrated collective efficacy. I could not be more proud.

Although the circumstances were new, your children also accepted the challenge and their new normal with great energy.

Parents, I recognize that without you, none of this would have happened. Your feedback was critical, and we are revising as needed to help support the children.

LISG moved to a synchronous, online program very quickly and learning will continue through Friday, April 3rd. The original calendar scheduled the spring vacation to begin on April 9th. **However, since everyone has been working hard, teachers will not be live on Monday - Wednesday, April 6-8.** This will give children the opportunity to work asynchronously, without a strict schedule. Middle and Upper School children will be able to work on projects, labs, and reports. Lower School children will be given learning activities which will allow them voice and choice in their learning.

This year, we focused on character education. Each month we practiced the core values in P.R.I.D.E (positivity, respect, inclusion, dedication, and empathy). During the three asynchronous learning days students will be asked to demonstrate empathy, our word of the month. I will be sending the assignment next week.

This is a time of learning as a community. As always, I thank you for your support and guidance.

Be well,

Dr. Geyer

