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Dear PHS Families:

We send this message to let you know there has been potential exposure to COVID-19 in our greater community. Out of an abundance of caution and in consideration for the safety and well-being of our families and employees, we decided to close PHS tomorrow for an environmental cleaning. **All classes, field trips, meetings, clubs, and community gatherings are cancelled for Thursday, March 5.** PHS may reschedule these trips and events for another time. Unless otherwise notified, we plan to re-open for classes on Friday, March 6.

To respect family privacy, I will only share limited information. An extended family member in our community (who does spend some time on campus periodically, including this week) was on the Princess Cruise to Mexico that returned to San Francisco on February 21. Health officials recently confirmed two passengers on this ship tested positive for COVID-19.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. The CDC recommends you follow preventative measures for stopping the spread of germs: wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces, and avoid contact with those who are sick. For more information on the CDC recommendations, please visit [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19).

We understand you may be concerned hearing this news. While it is not our intention to unnecessarily cause concern or disrupt student learning, we are acting cautiously and in the best interest of our community based on guidance from public health officials including the San Francisco Department of Public Health. We will be communicating with you tomorrow evening before our return to school and plan to continue to communicate information about the School's response to the ongoing public health concern. As always, if you have any questions, you are welcome to reach out to me anytime and please know that it may take up to 24 hours for me to respond to non-emergency questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jeli