

March 24, 2020

Dear Charter Arts Families,

I hope this email finds our Charter Arts School Community safe and healthy. Over the past two weeks, the administrative team along with Charter Arts staff and teachers have been working on an academic contingency plan for extended school closure. In addition, the team has created a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document to address questions we have received. As a live document, the FAQ will continue to be updated regularly and will provide families with information as it becomes available.

On March 23, Governor Wolf mandated school closure until April 6, 2020. The Charter Arts Board of Directors, Administration and Faculty are committed to providing the best possible learning and support for students through this uncertain time. Beginning on March 30, 2020, Charter Arts is prepared to provide educational opportunities that reinforce and continue the course and/or grade-level learning objectives for our students during the extended closure due to COVID-19. Teachers will provide office hours once online learning begins. Charter Arts Administration will continue to monitor PDE guidance and will provide more information about online learning by the end of this week to clarify teacher and student expectations, etc. and to prepare for remote instruction.

Online learning will start on Monday, March 30, 2020, and take our students and families through April 8th, at which point we will re-evaluate the plan, if the closure extends beyond April 8th.

The transition into online learning is a new experience for many of us. We recognize that this will be a significant change for families. We understand that each educational home setting is going to look very different and we will be supportive and flexible. Our staff also recognizes that students may not have access to textbooks, notes or printed materials, so instruction will be designed to use only materials that will be accessible to all students or available online.

As you encounter questions unique to your educational situation, please reach out to your child's teacher via email. They will be available to support you and direct your question(s) to the right person if they cannot answer your question(s) directly.

The FAQ document will continue to be updated to support you as we start this new phase of learning together during this extended school closure. As with all other communication, the FAQ document and all updates are also posted to the Charter Arts website for your reference at [www.CharterArts.org](http://www.CharterArts.org).

In times like these we are especially grateful to work with the supportive Charter Arts community that we have in all of you. Thank you and please take good care of yourself and your family.

Sincerely,

*Diane LaBelle*

Executive Director & CEO

#### Mission Statement

*The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.*