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URGENT – HOPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS CLOSURE

Dear Artists/Students, Families, Caregivers, and HOPE community,

Hope Center for the Arts (HOPE) Board of Directors met with me this past weekend to evaluate the current state of emergency in relation to COVID-19. Our discussion centered on steps to be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff and by extension, our families and caregivers.

As a result, it was decided that HOPE will close beginning Tuesday, March 17th through Tuesday, March 31st.

TO DO: You must call Access and personally cancel your rides during this temporary closure. While HOPE has notified both RCOC and Access (877) 628-2232 of the dates of this temporary closure, you must also cancel for your Artist/Student.

During the week of March 22nd, we will assess whether we will reopen after March 31st or remain closed due to the public health emergency.

We will be checking phone messages weekly and I will be checking my email daily for any additional questions you may have. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at michele@hope4arts.org and I will respond ASAP. You can also check our website – hope4arts.org - for news in the upcoming days.

This has been a difficult decision and we are saddened to have to suspend the wonderful work of our Artists. We will be exploring new ways to keep our Artists involved using technology. Our main focus right now is to create social distancing – in line with our local schools, businesses and arts organizations as one of the most effective measures we can take in helping to slow the spread of the virus.

Be Well,

Michele Vavonese
Executive Director
Hope Center for the Arts