Dear Destiny Community,

After careful deliberation and with the needs of our youth, families, and teaching artists in mind, we are suspending ALL programming at Destiny Arts Center as of Monday, March 16 through at least Tuesday, April 7. This decision to cancel programs was made to protect our Destiny and Oakland community, and was informed by the advisement of the Alameda County Public Health Department, the State of California, the CDC, and Governor Newsom. This suspension of programs is now also mandated by the Shelter in Place Order for Alameda County.

We understand that the Shelter in Place Order for Alameda County and Destiny Arts Center’s closure may be causing stress and disruption in the lives of our families and community. To address this, our staff is available to support families in accessing food (from the Alameda County Food Bank) and will share information resources as we receive them. Additionally, in service to our values, the Board and Leadership of Destiny are committed to ensuring the livelihood of our Teaching Artists and paying them during the preventative closure at the Center.

The new reality we are all facing is causing great uncertainty and highlighting the deep divisions and inequities in our society. We will stay in close touch with you over the next couple of weeks about further developments. As always, we are committed to centering youth, artists, people of color and our Oakland home as we work together for the well-being of all.

In Community,

Destiny Arts Center Staff