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Dear Friends of Yu Ming,

We are delighted to announce that Yu Ming Charter School was just recognized as a 2019 U.S. National Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education!



The National Blue Ribbon award is given to schools throughout the nation that demonstrate “what is possible when committed educators hold all students and staff to high standards and create vibrant, innovative, cultures of teaching and learning.” **Only 362 schools in the country received the Blue Ribbon award this year.** Among those, Yu Ming is one of 30 schools in California to be recognized, and one of only a handful of immersion schools to ever receive the award. You can learn more about the award [here](#).

“Yu Ming” means “Education for a Bright Future” in Mandarin, and we are proud to be an Oakland grown, Alameda County authorized public charter school that is preparing the next generation of global citizens and leaders. Whether guiding students through in depth collaborative projects, leading content-rich language immersion lessons, or facilitating social-

**Yu Ming scholar is known and supported - and succeeds on every measure.**

As an **“Exemplary High Performing School”** we are so proud of our students who work hard to achieve at the highest levels. Our **Yu Ming scholars have inverted the achievement gap**; our economically disadvantaged students and special education students outperform non-economically disadvantaged students and general education students across the state. **We believe that our diverse, multi-lingual, compassionate, and connected community is key to our success.**

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each of you -- our supporters, families, teachers, and staff -- for believing in Yu Ming, taking what was just a seed of an idea 10 years ago and growing a truly exceptional learning community and redefining what is possible in schools.

With gratitude and pride,



Sue Park  
Head of School  
Yu Ming Charter School

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### About Yu Ming Charter School

Yu Ming Charter School is a non-profit, tuition-free public school located in Oakland and open to all residents of California. We serve students in Kindergarten to 8th grade from many racial, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Founded in 2011, Yu Ming is the first Mandarin immersion public charter school in the state. As a leader in the Mandarin Immersion education, Yu Ming nurtures our inclusive and diverse community to become empowered, engaged and outstanding global citizens. To learn more about our innovative school, visit our website at [www.yumingschool.org](http://www.yumingschool.org), or contact us at [office@yumingschool.org](mailto:office@yumingschool.org).



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