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Dear NDMA Family,

Considering Governor Walz's announcement today about mandatory school closing statewide beginning Wednesday, March 18th, we have decided it is in everyone's best interest for us to **close school beginning tomorrow – Monday, March 16th**.

Tomorrow we will begin in earnest tomorrow the process of designing an at-home learning plan that your child/ren may begin as early as next week. In addition, we will spend time this week developing a plan for meal distribution for eligible families that *may* begin as early as next week. We will provide details of both efforts later this week.

As stated in Friday's letter, we are still in the prevention stage of helping manage the spread of COVID-19. The most important things we can all do are recommended to prevent the spread of any illness:

- Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often with soap and water; covering your cough and sneeze; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Be prepared. Keep enough food, regular prescription drugs, and other necessities on hand in case you need to stay home and are not able to go out easily.
- Frequently clean all commonly touched work surfaces, work areas, and equipment (e.g., telephones, doorknobs, lunch areas, countertops, copiers, etc.).

To learn more about COVID-19, visit:

- Minnesota Department of Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>
- CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Thank you for working with us to keep our community informed and safe.

Respectfully,

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