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Dear River Community,

As we reach another Friday in this new world of ours, I continue to be grateful and inspired by our River community—our tireless admin team, gifted faculty, thoughtful and committed Board members, collaborative parents, and most importantly, our resilient students. In the midst of this crisis, I can only offer short timelines with realistic plans for progress. I wish that I had a definitive date when the disruption to our lives will end.

Regarding the reopening of River: **At this time, we have decided to keep The River School campus closed for students and extend our Distance Learning programming for them through May 2020**, in alignment with the DC Public Schools' closure date announced earlier today. This gives us the flexibility and time to develop our end-of-year plans for June, including Parent-Teacher Conferences, Falcon graduation, etc. We feel this is the best decision for the well-being of all our students, families and the wider community.

We continue to evolve our Distance Learning Plan (including the **integration of synchronous small-group sessions** in the upcoming weeks). We are taking into account the feedback we received from our **Parent Survey**, and we thank those who took the time to respond and provide valuable input.

River's Institutional Advancement Committee met today to confirm the details of its plan to create an **expanded financial assistance program** for families in the event of job loss or other economic setbacks. Please contact Chris Lopez if your family has been impacted in this way.

As always, we will inform you of updates in a timely manner. Remember, we are here for you as you navigate your family's personal challenges.

Stay well and hopeful,

Nancy