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Dear Omni Community,

As Head of School and as President of the Board of Trustees, we would like to share an update with you about our continuing actions and decisions to address concerns surrounding COVID-19.

We thank you for your flexibility regarding today's in-service workday which proved to be very productive. Each program level discussed ideas regarding remote learning. The Adolescent and Upper Elementary Teams explored Google Classroom and Google Hangouts/Meet. The Lower Elementary Team created learning packets for each student. The Primary Team brainstormed ideas to help parents organize their child's day as well as assist with the completion of productive work at home. Further, we made plans for the Native American Immersion Project Museum to ensure that students will be able to share their work with their parents. More details on that will come from Portia Williams, Elementary Coordinator, next week. The purpose of today's efforts is for us to be prepared should we ultimately decide to transition to remote learning sometime in the next few days or weeks.

We would like to reassure you that there are no known cases of COVID-19 in our school community at this time. Furthermore, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services **is not recommending that schools proactively close**. They continue to recommend that people at higher risk of severe illness stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible. We have advised our employees to stay home if they are sick and again ask you to monitor your own health and that of your child(ren) for symptoms.

We are continually evaluating information as it becomes available to better inform our decisions about proactive school closure and event cancelation, and will continue to take direction from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding community health. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in FACTS so that we may reach you via Parent Alert and email quickly and accurately.

In addition, the following events have been postponed:

- The 9th grade trip to Ensenada, Mexico, originally scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 22, 2020.
- The 35th Anniversary Annual Gala & Auction. We are exploring alternative dates in June with Providence Country Club.

Finally, we will discontinue Pizza Friday and make adjustments to our snack and community meal routines in our classrooms as long as COVID-19 is an active concern for Greater Charlotte. The Guides will provide more details on these adaptations with their respective classes.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we work together for the health and safety of our school community.

Regards,



Cindy Curry
Head of School

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