

Dear Parents and members of the community,

Today our Governor closed all schools for the remainder of the school year. And the immediate reaction from all is most likely one of sadness and perhaps a sense of more despair. What I want to ask you to do, especially when speaking to your children, is to help them understand that this is actually a smart, strategic, and good decision. Firstly, knowledge and certainty can bring a sense of calm to a situation, and I know we have all been anxiously awaiting school news and feeling helpless in the land of the unknown. Secondly, and more importantly, the Governor, and Governors across the country, are keeping their “eyes on the prize,” knowing that keeping schools closed now will exponentially increase the chances of having regular school in the fall, as well as exponentially decrease the odds of further spreading Covid 19 and harming our citizens. “Sacrificing” a few more weeks of school now is smart strategy, even as it initially feels like bad news. It is in fact, good news within the framework of such difficult times.

Over the next few weeks we all have to dig deeper and stay the course. Our faculty and staff will continue to be here for your kids, and for you. We will continue to learn together in discovering what works well in the online world, and what areas we can improve upon. We will get through this together if we all keep our own eyes focused on the long run—safe and healthy kids; safe and healthy parents, faculty, staff, family and friends.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us, or each other for help, guidance, support, or even some venting! I don’t pretend that this is easy. But given what I have seen from the ACS community these last five weeks, I know there is no challenge we cannot overcome.

With gratitude,

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