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Dear HOPE Community Academy Families,

Today, Governor Tim Walz and Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker announced that all Minnesota public schools will close to students starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 with the plan to resume instruction on Monday, March 30, 2020.

HOPE Community Academy will be closed Monday, March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020. During the school closure for students, HOPE Community Academy will be joining school districts and charter schools across the state to create plans to equitably distribute distance learning to our students should we need to close schools statewide for a longer period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minnesota Department of Education is defining distance learning to mean that a student receives daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s) and appropriate educational materials. Starting March 30, 2020, per the instruction from the Minnesota Department of Education, student learning will continue for the rest of the school year.

However, I want to remind everyone that the week of March 30, 2020 through April 3, 2020 is our Spring Break. We will not have school that week. School will resume on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Our educators will be giving thoughtful planning to our distance learning plan, offering careful consideration for students in a variety of areas, including students receiving special education services, multilingual learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students who rely on meals served at school. During these two weeks of planning, there will be no instructions.

Once our distance learning plan is finalized we will communicate the plan to families via the school website and mail the plan home.

As always, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. We also want to ensure every child has access to the education they need and deserve.

We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director