



April 10, 2020

Dear Trinity Community,

As noted in my communication on Wednesday, the San Mateo County Office of Education along with the superintendents in the seven Bay Area counties announced the decision to extend campus closures through the remainder of the 2019 - 2020 school year. Many local independent schools have made the same announcement. With the health and safety of all our community members - students, families, faculty, and extended family and community - **we have made the decision to close our campuses, and continue with distance learning through the 2019 - 2020 academic year.**

While we have been planning for this possible closure, we do not make this decision lightly. We understand the burden this places on all members of our community. In doing **our part in helping mitigate further outbreaks by our collective social and physical distance**, it adds a layer of complexity and weight in all we do. We all know we will return to school, and cannot wait for that day, it just won't be as soon as anticipated.

There will be **items to consider and execute over the next few weeks**. First and foremost, the continued effective delivery of our distance learning program with the merger of asynchronous and synchronous models and the Seesaw platform. Beyond teaching and learning, I know there are other questions such as how are we planning for what many consider to be a resurgence of the Coronavirus in the fall, Graduation, the status of our Summer Camps, how to incorporate Chapel and other related activities for the emotional and spiritual health of our students, to name a few.

Please know we have **active and resource rich professional networks** in all areas of the school, from teaching and learning to finances to enrollment and every imaginable school function. Furthermore, **your input and insight as parents** help are of substantive help with our planning. We are running on all cylinders, albeit remotely, and will approach each issue with the deliberation and thoughtfulness it deserves.

Knowing we will get through this and **we will experience the joy of being on campus again**, the most important thing to me is supporting every one of you in any way I can during this challenging time. The current situation is not easy, no one ever gets it 100% right, and everyone has a unique story to tell. As I wrote the other day, I feel among the most fortunate given our wider world and I am in a position to support you as best I can.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out at any time and know I will remain in close contact. Meanwhile, hold your families close, somehow find perspective and joy on an ever shifting platform, and I cannot wait to see everyone at school again.

Matt

Head of School