



April 8, 2020

Dear Trinity Families,

I hope you are finding those restorative moments during this indelible Spring Break with your family and loved ones. While I sit here, with the television news providing the background and hearing Governor Cuomo stating *When will we go back to the way things were?* along with his commentary on adjusting to the new normal, I can't help but think of those who are suffering right now, in this moment, near and far. Those who are experiencing a spring, to understate, significantly different, than my spring. In all ways, I feel among the most fortunate.

**While we consider the real possibility of a longer term closure** and will communicate that in the near future, the **intent of this note is to communicate our rationale on using Zoom** for our merger of asynchronous and synchronous learning as we resume after Spring Break. I have received a few inquiries concerning the security of the Zoom platform and it's certainly been in the news. We take this security concern seriously and have been deeply investigating the issue since March 24, when it was first brought to our attention.

**Since March 24**, we've gathered the insights from outside sources of expertise, tested other video conferencing platforms, consulted within our professional networks, held discussions with faculty and parents on the platform which results in the optimal distance learning environment, and, importantly, implemented steps that mitigate the security risk. While we understand no system is perfect and all systems undergo levels of scrutiny, we are fully confident the steps we have taken will keep our children, families and faculty safe using Zoom - which is, by far, the most important consideration. Furthermore, we feel Zoom is the best platform to use with our distance learning model.

The **mitigating steps Trinity** has taken regarding Zoom is outlined in the attached document: [The mitigating steps Trinity has taken regarding Zoom](#).

**Related, and regarding distance learning** starting again on Tuesday, April 14, please note the following:

- Upper Campus families: Katy Roybal and Pal Thinnappan will be following up with families in using the Trinity issued iPads to use the Zoom application.
- Lower Campus families: all that's needed is access to a device for their weekly check-ins.
- All curriculum and content will be delivered through the Seesaw platform starting on Tuesday. All families should have received instructions to log on. I encourage all families to log on for the first time this week so students can be ready for class on Tuesday morning.
- For Upper Campus families, your Lead Teacher will send out an email by end of day Monday with more information specific to the grade.
- For Lower Campus families, Sue Krishna will send out a reminder regarding Seesaw accounts.



- At this point, we are not planning on recording class meetings, group discussions or live lessons. While we understand some families are in different time zones and/or are unable to access lessons at the published and scheduled times, the recording of lessons raises the level of complexity in a time in which we want to sustain predictability.\
- Please contact [techsupport@trinity-mp.org](mailto:techsupport@trinity-mp.org) with tech questions. This email goes directly to Pal Thinnappan and Katy Roybal.

As always, please know my door is always open for your input and insight and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions (you wouldn't be the first). I want to be as supportive as I can for your child and family.

I look forward to the day we return to school. For now, hold your family close.

Matt

**Head of School**