



NOURISHING THE ROOTS, TENDING THE GARDEN.

A note from Julie Bragdon, Head of School



Dear Parents,

Today, a parent of MSD students let me know they have been tested for COVID-19 and are presumed positive at this time. Due to a backlog in testing, the Colorado Department of Public Health will be unable to confirm the results for 72 hours, but out of an abundance of caution, we are proceeding with the action plans I have described in previous communications.

Our Leadership team, with Board support, has made the decision to send all students home at 3pm today. Of course, you may pick your child(ren) up earlier if you wish, but we encourage a measured response to not unnecessarily alarm your child(ren). Carline will proceed for all students, including Middle School, at 3pm. All after school activities and care are canceled.

We will be closed tomorrow to start deep cleaning the entire campus. We will remain closed next week to allow our community 14 days away from campus. We are preparing age-appropriate distance learning plans for students to follow next week. Please look for more communication regarding this plan from your division director shortly. At this time, we plan to welcome our community back to campus on Tuesday, March 31.

While we do not currently know of other cases at MSD, we expect with increased testing there will be increased positive results within our community and across the Denver area. We are continuing to engage in open and regular communication with other ACIS schools and the Colorado Department of Public Health.

This is a rapidly evolving situation across our neighborhoods, country, and the globe. I appreciate your ongoing partnership and support as we make decisions to keep our students and employees safe and healthy. Here are

some additional ways you can continue to partner with us in maintaining an appropriate response to the situation:

- Use common sense around sharing information on social media;
- Reference materials we have previously shared to discuss this closure with your child(ren) – see the archive in Blackbaud on the Resource Board;
- Stay in contact with your own health and travel plans; and
- Look for more information about upcoming trips and events as we continue to evaluate the proper course of action.

Thank you as always for your support. The hardest part of this is the unknown for us all. As I said in my email yesterday, it is important that we continue to support each other with empathy and kindness as we navigate this as a community.

Best,
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