Greetings Highlanders,

LHPS continues to carefully monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this email is to update you on our planned actions in response to this crisis. To be sure, our approach remains deliberately conservative to protect the health and safety of our students while remaining laser-focused on the most essential elements of the LHPS learning experience. Whereas the dynamics of this crisis are complex for all and unsettling to many, we are committed to:

(1) conducting operations closely aligned to normal procedures,
(2) sustaining our standards of excellence, and
(3) remaining as flexible as possible to smartly respond to evolving circumstances.

**Tomorrow. Friday (March 13)** will be a normal early dismissal day as currently scheduled. We look forward to seeing all of your children tomorrow morning. As a precautionary measure, students should take home all books and materials at the end of their school day. Employees will work a full day, with the afternoon hours principally used to wrap up 3rd quarter administrative requirements.

**This Weekend.** For this weekend, Saturday (March 14) and Sunday (March 15), all LHPS academics, school events and co-curricular activities are cancelled. This includes all club, athletic, music/art and other co-curricular activities, including all practices, performances and competitions.

**Important News.** LHPS will be closed for all students on Monday (March 16) and Tuesday (March 17). All academics and all LHPS events (including all club, athletic and music/art competitions, practices, performances, and other co-curricular activities) are cancelled on these two days. Faculty and staff members will be on campus both Monday and Tuesday for professional training and other preparations to commence distance learning operations, *if and when necessary.*

**Wednesday, March 18.** Our current plan is for all students, faculty and staff members to return to campus for essential academic operations only. Private music lessons and tutoring sessions will also continue. All other events and co-curricular activities are canceled. AfterCare will continue on school days for currently registered students. Unless otherwise modified by changing circumstances, these procedures will remain in place through spring break (April 12).

**Future Operations.** The fluidity and potential consequences of this unprecedented pandemic have truly caused a challenge for us all. As you should expect, LHPS will continue to carefully monitor the situation, thoughtfully assess possible options, and confidently address best courses of action in an atmosphere of love, concern, and mutual respect. Your leadership team and support staff are feverishly and collaboratively searching for best possible, win-win solutions to very difficult, multi-dimensional challenges. We will keep you updated frequently. We are deeply grateful for your understanding and support in these demanding times.

God bless, and best wishes to all!
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