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Dear Families,

Recently, we heard our Governor announce some big changes to life here in Washington. Gatherings of 250 people or more are prohibited-- whether social, recreational, spiritual, sporting or other events. We also heard the Governor ask that schools start to focus on contingency plans for school closures. Yesterday it was announced that all public and private schools in the King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties will be closed for the next 6 weeks.

Beginning Friday, March 13, Monroe Christian School will be closed through April 24 with students returning on April 27 (unless conditions change). Join us in praying for the health and wellness of our communities.

We know that closing our school will impact many of our families. We also recognize that working families depend on school for its consistency and predictability.

The Monroe Christian School Board, Staff, and Administration are working on plans for student access to learning.

Our current plan for students to continue learning and growing is as follows:

- Beginning Wednesday, March 18, families Preschool-8th grade will need to pick up learning packets for the week in front of the school in the roundabout between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. These learning packets will be part of the ongoing growth we want to see from our students. We are also working on ways to provide additional on-line learning opportunities.
- Each morning, beginning March 18, teachers will be emailing a daily set of expectations for students to complete. **This work is required** and will be counted toward student work for the 3rd trimester.
 1. Teachers will be available from 9:00 am-3:00 pm to answer questions and help problem solve as needed. Each teacher will include in their packets the best way to reach them.
 2. If your child is struggling with an assignment, teachers will also be available as needed to assist them with their educational needs.
 3. Please return completed learning packets to school every Monday and pick up a new learning packet for the week. All the work in the packets is required and will be graded and input into teacher grade books.
 4. Each teacher will specify expectations and due dates for their grade level assignments and projects. Learning packets will vary based on grade levels and student needs.
- We are also looking at removing any days off from our current calendar upon the return of our students, except for Memorial Day. This would give our teachers additional time

with your students. Based on the information that we currently have, we will be extending the school calendar until Friday, June 19. As things begin to settle down, we will issue a new school calendar to keep everyone apprised. For instance, **please mark your calendar with the new auction date, May 30.** All the other information regarding the auction remains the same. It is our hope with these efforts, that the change in the learning environments and interruption of the school year will be minimized.

We understand that this process is new, and there will be some difficulties. We ask for your patience and prayers as we are all in this together. As our Mission Statement says, “We at Monroe Christian School partner with Christian homes and churches to nurture and equip God’s children.” This partnership is what helps us thrive as a school community.

Our mission statement also says, “We recognize that Jesus Christ is sovereign over all creation and has created each child with unique abilities, gifts and talents.” While we cannot control the world, we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus Christ is sovereign. These next few weeks may look different, but with the Lord’s help we will figure out solutions to continue to help each child grow into who God wants them to be.

In His Service,

Monroe Christian School Board