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Dear Stanley Community,

In this daily update, I would like to provide some information about what to expect during a possible school closure, specifically how we're planning to continue our program.

Earlier this week, our education and technology leaders met to frame our thinking about what home learning could and should look like at Stanley. We agreed that any programming, in-person or otherwise, should align with core principles derived from our educational philosophy and values, including such tenets as:

- flexibility
- choice
- student agency
- student/ teacher connection
- equity
- experiential learning

We also affirmed that the goal of a home learning program will not be to replicate a Stanley classroom experience. Rather our goal in creating division-level plans is to design a program that enables our students to continue to progress in developing essential skills and concepts while maintaining connection with school and teachers in meaningful ways.

This Friday afternoon, faculty will work in grade-level teams to create developmentally-appropriate tools and resources, from hands-on materials to online resources, to deliver our academic program. These tools and plans will be informed by guiding principles K-8 as described above and will take into account our desire to put reasonable limits on the amount of screen time students will need to complete work. Early next week, division leaders will share with families specific strategies we will employ to conduct our home learning program. Depending on the length of a potential closure, those strategies and plans may evolve as needed.

Strong partnership between home and school, one of our foundational values, will be particularly important during a period of remote learning. We will ensure our communication and connection with you, at the classroom and all-school levels, is regular and intentional so that we can continue to collaborate on behalf of our children's learning until the time we can be physically back together as a community.

Alongside our focus on preparation for learning, we're preparing our administrative functions to continue in full capacity during any prolonged closure. All of our administrative staff will be available, in their respective roles, to respond to any school operation assistance you may need through electronic communication.

Thank you for your support, patience, and care through these challenging times.

Warmly,
Tim

Update 7:18 p.m.: We are aware of Denver Public School's decision to extend spring break starting on Monday, March 16. We will hold school tomorrow, March 13, and we'll share more details and next steps at that time.