



March 13, 2020

Dear Stanley Community,

Today at Stanley is a normal school day, with an all-school 12:15 dismissal, and after school programs continuing as scheduled. We do not have any cases of COVID-19 in the Stanley community. Following the advisement of health officials that prompted Denver Public Schools to close starting Monday, March 16, Stanley BPS will do the same. We make this decision in the interest of our immediate community's well-being, and we also want to ensure that we do our part in support of our greater community's need to slow the progress of the COVID-19 virus. Stanley will be closed from Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 6, with students returning to classrooms Tuesday, April 7.

At pick up today, please come in and grab anything lingering in cubbies – teachers are working on compiling materials to send home with your children. Here are some other important dates and plans:

- From March 16 through March 27, we will deliver home-based learning, and social emotional connection and support for students in each of their grade level divisions. Our division heads have been working on these plans for over a week and their teams will be finalizing plans at our full staff meeting this afternoon.
- Your child's division head will be sending detailed information out tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, with details of how this will all unfold.
- On Monday, March 16, school will be open to parents and staffed by division heads and the administrative team from **8 a.m. -12 p.m.** If your student is not at school today, you may come by the front desk and we can help you collect any materials your child may need.
- We will still have spring break from March 30 through April 6, with a planned return to school for students on April 7. There will be no home-based learning provided during spring break.

Teachers will be talking with students today about our plans, and division heads are available to answer any logistical or programming questions. Throughout this closure, we will continue regular school-wide communication to help keep everyone up to date with developments that may impact our operations.

All school-sponsored events scheduled to take place during this closure period are cancelled. We will explore the possibility of rescheduling Arts Fest for later in the spring. We know that We the People has canceled the Con Law competition scheduled for May – you will be hearing more about this from Greg Chalfin – and we will share information about any other changes to the spring schedule as it becomes available.

From March 16-27, all administrators will be working as usual, some with modified schedules, and some with alternating remote schedules, but we want you to know the office of community engagement, the business office, and the office of admissions will continue to be open for business remotely. We will be working on crediting families for any ancillary programs, such as lunch, extended day, and clubs, and we are collaborating with our enrichment providers and will share more information as it is available. During this closure period, the best way to communicate with administrative staff will be by email – we will all be checking email regularly.

Important Note Regarding Ongoing Public Health Situation

Even though school will be closed, it is very important to note that Stanley is and will remain a community, which means that we are asking that you inform us of any changes in the health status of immediate family members, particularly if anyone is experiencing flu-like symptoms or becomes presumptively positive for COVID-

19. It is essential that we receive this information in a timely way so that we could take any additional needed steps.

Melissa Knott, School Health Coordinator, will be your intake point of contact. You can reach Melissa at melissa.knott@stanleybps.org or at 720-839-7113.

On behalf of our teachers and staff, I would like to thank each of you for your support through this challenging time. The character of the Stanley community is strong, and the good will of children and adults has never been more in evidence. As one of the K12s said this morning in their meeting, “we’re missing school so that we can keep other people healthy.” I know we’ll demonstrate our great capacity for care for one another through this.

Warmly,
Tim