



May 4, 2020

Dear Stanley Community,

I hope this Monday update finds you and your families well - the beautiful spring weather brings with it some hope and rejuvenation. As is always the case, May is a busy and joyful month filled with creative activities to celebrate and culminate the school year, and to recognize the important milestones of our second, fifth and eighth graders. While our circumstances could not be more unexpected or challenging in many ways, we are all hard at work, determined to maintain the spirit of celebration and to forge ahead with many of our important traditions, albeit in new ways.

We will be communicating with you later in the week specific plans for the end of our school year, including details like returning Chromebooks, and receiving from staff materials left in cubbies, and some exciting news about ways we plan to culminate our unusual year. Look for this email on Wednesday.

We continue to monitor public health guidelines which are changing rapidly as the State of Colorado has moved to "Safer at Home". However, Denver County is still adhering to the more stringent requirements of "Stay at Home" through the end of this week. We expect Mayor Hancock to share new information in the coming days about what the next phase of reopening in the Denver metro area could look like. As this information impacts any of our plans or operations at Stanley, we will communicate with everyone as quickly as possible.

We are also anxiously awaiting federal and state guidance regarding our summer camp program and for coming back together on campus in the fall. Our staff has been actively engaged in professional development and collaboration through ACIS, NAIS and other national independent school and day camp associations in anticipation of welcoming our community back to Stanley whenever it might be possible. Just as soon as we have more specific information, we will share news about summer camp. We are beginning to plan for possible fall school re-entry scenarios, and we are committed to the flexibility and creativity required around space use, staffing, and procedural changes to provide in-person learning within mandated health guidelines.

As this public health crisis draws out and continues to impact our local and national economy, we know that many in our community are experiencing a variety of challenges. **The Stanley BPS Community Support Fund** has been established to provide tuition assistance to families with increased financial need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wege Foundation and the Goodwillie family have pledged their support by offering a matching grant up to \$20,000. We have raised \$16,775 towards this match – thank you to all who have made a contribution. The people in the Stanley community are the heart and soul of our school. We encourage you to [make a gift](#) to support our Stanley families.

We will be sharing more news throughout the week, but in the meantime, take good care – we wish you and your families good health and meaningful connection, even at a distance.

Warmly,
Tim