March 13, 2020

Dear NHCS families,

First, I want to let you know that as of now, **we continue to have no known cases of coronavirus among NHCS students, staff, or families.**

Despite that, I have made the difficult decision to **close our schools beginning on Monday, March 16th for a minimum of two weeks.** The situation is rapidly evolving and we will look to guidance from federal, state, and local authorities as we make a decision about whether or not to resume school on March 30th. We will continue to keep you updated about our plans during this time.

As you can imagine, this was an extremely difficult decision. Many of our families rely on NHCS to provide their children with free meals. Many have limited childcare options. And all are concerned about the impact this will have on their children's learning. Keeping all of this in mind, in order to prioritize the health and safety of everyone in our community, I believe that this is the right decision.

We have been working all week to develop plans in the event of an extended school closure. These include plans both for education as well as for nutrition programs. **We will be sharing more information about these plans over the coming days.**

I imagine that this email will generate many questions. Please send them to info@thenhcs.org. If there is a heavy volume of emails, we might not be able to respond to each one individually, but we will be sure to read them all and to address questions that are asked in upcoming emails sent to all families.

The way we come together as a community is a part of what makes NHCS such an important place to so many of us. It is in these uncertain times that that spirit is even more important than ever.

Stay well,

Kate Scott
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