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Members of the Asheville School Community:

The current situation with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing on a daily, and even hourly, basis. Since I corresponded with you on Monday, there have been a number of developments in the education sector regarding the virus.

North Carolina is now under a state of emergency due to the increased number of patients diagnosed with Coronavirus. While we don't have any cases in the immediate Asheville area at this time, there are diagnosed cases an hour from us.

Numerous colleges and universities across the United States have moved to online learning and are suspending their residential offerings. There are a number of institutions in North Carolina that are following this plan. Our peer boarding institutions are extending spring breaks in order to better assess the larger medical landscape before bringing students back to campus.

In an abundance of caution, we will extend our spring break one additional week. All students are asked to report to school on March 22 by 6:00 p.m. We will follow the procedures for check-in outlined in my prior correspondence. Lacrosse players should plan to report on that day. There will be no early practices.

Students with complicating situations or travel issues should contact Ben Williamson or Megan Grant at 828-254-6345. They will be happy to work with you or your child.

I will be totally honest; I hate that circumstances require us to take this action. I would wish for us to move forward as planned. However, the health and safety of our students cannot be put at risk. We need to be certain that our students will be returning to a setting that is optimal for learning.

Thank you so much for your understanding. We will be providing regular updates and more details to you in the coming days.

Go Blues!!

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