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Over the last 24 hours, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic crisis has changed dramatically. Institutions across the United States are reacting to calls for social isolation in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus. Boarding schools are following suit and offering online learning.

Given the concerns and recommendations that are being expressed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), we will extend spring break to March 22, 2020. **Effective March 23, 2020, Asheville School will deliver learning in an online distance learning format. This will continue indefinitely until we have more clarity about the spread of Coronavirus. We will not be offering classes on campus during this time.**

We have taken this action in order to ensure the safety and health of all our students, faculty, staff and their families.

Asheville School faculty and staff will work the week of March 16, 2020, to prepare for the presentation of learning in an online format. Students will receive directions from the school later next week regarding how to access their academic programming.

International students are encouraged to return to their home countries. Students unable to return home or needing any assistance should contact Ben Williamson or Megan Grant. They can be reached at 828-254-6345 or 828-712-5536.

All students and families will receive a separate email that will link them to a questionnaire that will help us to provide effective online learning. Please complete that questionnaire as soon as possible.

The North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association has suspended all athletic contests indefinitely statewide.

Our campus will be closed to all visitors. We will not allow outside groups to use our facilities.

Comeback Day for prospective students on March 28, 2020, is cancelled. We will make a decision about Alumni Weekend by April 1, 2020.

I am terribly sorry to have to take this action. The global, national and local medical circumstances have forced us to take this action. I hope that we will be able to return to our on-campus classes as soon as possible. We will be assessing the situation on a constant basis. We will provide updates at least every 72 hours. Please know that we will not be returning before April 6, 2020.

My prayers are for you, our school community and the world at this time of uncertainty.

Go Blues!

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Head of School