

Dear FIT Academy Families,

This morning, Governor Walz announced that all Minnesota schools would close beginning this week through Friday March 27. The preliminary plan is to resume school on March 30th and as you know, we have spring break scheduled next week so this confirmed closure only affects us this week.

District 196 has announced immediate closure starting tomorrow. Because our calendar and transportation follow district 196 and our policy is to close when district 196 closes, we will follow their closure calendar and school will be closed tomorrow through March 27. **However, our office will be staffed during extended hours tomorrow (7:00am to 6:00pm), regular hours the remainder of this week (8:00am to 3:30pm) and reduced hours during Spring Break (9:00am to 1:00pm) or by appointment.** Please plan on picking up any medications or belongings during these times and we encourage you to limit the number or duration of visits.

The stated purpose of the closure is to provide schools time and opportunity to plan in the case of extended school closure beyond March 27th due to the COVID19 virus. This school plan is to include a plan for distance learning, providing of daycare support for essential emergency and health care workers, and providing for continuing free lunch program to begin March 30 should school closure be extended.

Because we developed our initial plan for distance learning outlined in the email sent on Friday, we are able to get ahead of the proposed schedule of March 30 and begin providing distance learning this week. Our staff will meet and work on further development tomorrow and through this week. Plan on more information from me regarding our distance learning plan by the end of the day tomorrow AND plan on further communication from your teachers no later than Tuesday. We will also provide additional information regarding daycare and school lunch in coming days.

Stay safe and please follow the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health related to social interactions.

Claud Allaire
Executive Director