## Dear Parents,

I am saddened to inform you that by order of the Governor, we will not be returning to FIT Academy this school year. We have been directed to continue distance learning for the remainder of the year. I anticipate this will bring disappointment to our students and additional challenges for some families. We understand that distance learning has been very challenging for some of you and are committed to continuing to adapt and change to help make it a better experience for you and your students.

The Governor's order also calls for May 1 and May 4 to be non-contact or non-instructional days so that school staff around the state can focus on planning for the remaining of the school year. **Please take note that there will be NO instruction on those two days.** We plan to use those two days to best prepare to make the rest of the school year a positive one for our students and families. We anticipate accessing more resources and continuing to refine our instructional plan and this communication will continue coming through your classroom teachers or our secondary coordinator Mrs. Halama.

One thing we have heard from many parents is that students want more connection with school, staff, and each other. In response, we have increased video meetings and developed several opportunities for exchanges, including our Weekly Challenge. Each week, we will post videos on our <a href="COVID webpage">COVID webpage</a> under Weekly Videos, including this week's <a href="Earth Day video">Earth Day video</a>. Please share this information with your students.

Thank you all for your continued efforts and please do reach out to us regarding any challenges that you are facing. We are committed to drawing on the many resources of our school community to support you as we all fight through this pandemic together.

Sincerely, Claud Allaire callaire@fitacademymn.org