



March 13, 2020

Dear Map Academy Community,

This message is to inform you that after much deliberation and careful consideration, Map Academy will be suspending onsite classes for two weeks, from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020 as a precautionary measure in light of the current outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). **To be clear, there have been no suspected, presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Map Academy**, and the risk to our school community currently remains low. However, our first priority is the safety, health and welfare of our school community. As you know, this is a rapidly evolving public health situation with far-reaching implications. After careful consideration of all available information, we have determined that our best course of action is to be proactive in order to minimize the potential risk to our students, families and staff.

This decision is not one we take lightly. We know that a closure for any length of time is disruptive to our school community, and we are deeply committed to continuing to support our students during the closure. While we know it is not a substitute for a school day or in-person learning, we feel fortunate that our academic model is intentionally designed to allow students to access content and make academic progress anytime and from anywhere. While they will not be onsite, teachers will be working remotely throughout the closure, and we encourage students to continue to work remotely as well. Students will continue to have access to support from teachers via email and by phone during normal school hours of 8:30-3:30 Monday through Friday. Teachers will continue to assess work, provide feedback and consult with students about their progress throughout the closure.

We have an established relationship with an outside receptionist company which will ensure that if students need to get in touch with staff, they can call the school at 508-830-9500 and a receptionist will transfer the calls to the appropriate staff members and/or take messages for staff.

We know that many students rely on Map Academy for a wide range of non-academic support. Please note that our building will be staffed by our leadership team and support staff throughout the closure during normal school hours of 8:30-3:30, and we will be available to students who need us for any reason. This includes access to breakfast and lunch daily for any students during the following hours:

Breakfast	8:30 am to 10:30 am
Lunch	12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

We look forward to having this situation behind us so that we can resume normal operations, and we wish all of our students, families and staff good health during this challenging and unprecedented time.

Warmly,

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Co-directors

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