



April 3, 2020

Dear families,

We are living in uncertain times, and I hope you, your family, and loved ones are doing well despite the circumstances.

As always, the health, safety, and well being of our students, faculty, staff, and families should be the governing factor in all our decisions in this unprecedented time.

By necessity, statewide decisions dealing with public schools must apply to all public schools within the state. Those decisions may or may not be the best for our independent school community.

At this time, the school will extend its closure until the end of April. The school will continue to look at the calendar in two to four-week blocks. It may be more evident that our school could go in one direction or another as far as the rest of the school year goes. Consequently, it may be premature to make a final decision at this time to close the school for the rest of the year. We will closely monitor the situation as we continue to learn a better understanding of the progression of this situation. We will make sound decisions based on the best information available to us and will keep you informed weekly.

I encourage our community to stay healthy and support one another as we move through this time.

The faculty and staff miss the kids in our hallways, and I'm sure that our families miss dropping them off each day!

I am personally proud of the efforts of our HDS community. I genuinely believe that there is no other school in the country that has the grit, tremendous resilience, and the heart to overcome any challenge.

With gratitude, Jim Hoyer