



March 15, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with St. Louis city health officials and in coordination with St. Louis city and county government officials, city and county school districts and the Archdiocese of St. Louis, La Salle Middle School will close on March 18th in order to curb the potential transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

School will be in session on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th and will be closed from Wednesday, March 18th to at least Friday, April 3rd. All school activities, including tutoring, athletic practices, enrichment classes and clubs, will be canceled during the time school is closed.

We know that in addition to education, our school provides vital support to our children and families. We are working on contingency plans for at-home learning, which will begin Wednesday, March 18th. Students will be sent home at the end of the school day Tuesday, March 17th, with academic packets to support learning while school is out. We are also developing plans to support students in providing breakfast and lunch for those who wish to access these meals. We will share more information with you on alternative learning and meal plans as soon as possible.

While your student(s) remains home, we encourage you to continue practicing good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get vaccinated for the flu if you have not already.

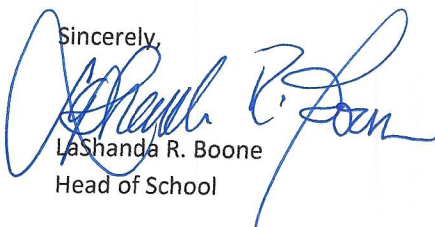
If you feel for any reason your child may have or has been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your doctor immediately. Virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

We will remain in close contact with local public health officials and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate.

We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from [the Department of Health and Senior Services](#) and [the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#). The State of Missouri has also activated a hotline for Missouri citizens seeking COVID-19 guidance. The number is 877-435-8411.

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

Sincerely,



LaShanda R. Boone
Head of School