



Developing the Mind, Body, and Spirit

March 13, 2020

Dear Fisher Island Day School Community,

Please be advised that, **beginning Monday, March 16, 2020**, we will temporarily close our facility and commence virtual learning. At this time, FIDS has no reported cases of COVID-19. We are moving to virtual learning as a precautionary measure, as well as to support community-wide efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please know that it saddens us to have to alter our way of doing business, however temporarily. We share your hope that this will be a short-lived situation.

The effectiveness of school closures is based on the premise that children will follow the guidelines for social distancing. If parents re-group large numbers of children to meet for events in indoor spaces, the closure will not be effective. Thank you for enforcing the principles and guidelines of social-distancing. I count on your assistance to work together with courage and confidence to combat the spread of this disease in our community by following the recommended guidelines for hand-washing and personal hygiene, eating well, staying hydrated, and being well-rested. You can count on our assistance to offer your children a strong curriculum and support system from our faculty and staff through virtual learning. Your child's teacher will provide you with additional information for accessing our virtual learning systems. Today, we sent home with students the required supplies for their virtual learning.

At this time, we will remain in a virtual-learning environment through at least Friday, March 20, 2020. FIDS will be fully closed for spring break, March 21-29, 2020. Decisions regarding school operations after spring break will be communicated to you when we have additional information. Please note that virtual learning only covers regular school-day instruction. All Active Hours, Athletics, and Extracurricular activities are temporarily suspended at this time.

I thank you for your understanding and forbearance. I know this is a difficult time, but we will get through this, together, as a community.

Sincerely,

Michael Bell
Head of School