Dear District 51 Families:

Today, April 1, Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced that the closure of all K-12 schools in the state will be extended through April 30. In accordance with this statewide policy, District 51 schools will remain closed through the end of the month. The CHSAA moratorium on spring high school sports has also been extended through April 30, and the middle school track season has been canceled.

Spring is one of the best times of year in a school district, with many celebrations of staff and students. While it will be hard for many students and families to continue to be physically apart from friends this April, it is important to do so for the health of our community and our loved ones. If you or someone you know is struggling with being away from friends and mentors, please don’t hesitate to use one of the many resources for mental health support, listed on our website at [www.d51schools.org/mental_health/mental_health_resource_page](http://www.d51schools.org/mental_health/mental_health_resource_page).

There are still many ways to connect while honoring social distancing guidelines. Remote learning has begun and will continue through the days we are not able to be in our classrooms. I have loved seeing the great videos and messages educators have shared with their students, and I am impressed by the efforts teachers, students, and families have made to adapt during this challenging time. If you are experiencing any challenges with technology or remote learning, please contact your child’s teacher for guidance or contact the Help Desk at [helpdesk@d51schools.org](mailto:helpdesk@d51schools.org) for computer assistance.

There are many unknowns in the battle against the rapid spread of COVID-19 and the future of this Spring’s events for the 2019-20 school year. We are working hard to make the right decisions and get information to you as soon as possible. Please continue to check your texts and emails and visit d51schools.org/resources/covid19 for updates.

Stay safe and healthy!

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