



Message about Distance Learning and COVID-19

March 10, 2020

Dear Boys' Latin Family:

Boys' Latin remains safe and untouched by the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Still, as a school community, we want to take every precaution to ensure our students are safe. Furthermore, we do not want the potential impact of the coronavirus to impede our goals for teaching and learning. Therefore, **Boys' Latin of Philadelphia will be closed on Monday, March 16, 2020 so faculty and staff can participate in professional development sessions on the implementation of distance learning.**

Distance learning is the means by which instruction can happen even when students are not onsite at school. Teachers will use the professional development session on March 16 to learn how to implement distance learning techniques, including online modules, digital assessments, video instruction, writing prompts, and more. This will enable students to continue learning from home in the event of an extended school closing. Distance learning often utilizes technology as a forum to provide instruction and feedback. Those families with limited access to technology are asked to contact the school as needed in the event of a school closing so we can work with you to provide accommodations.

We will remain hopeful that the coronavirus does not impact schools in Philadelphia. At Boys' Latin, we will certainly take every precaution to prevent it, including increased sanitization of high contact areas and increased cleaning frequency. However, should we need to enact a plan to educate our students during an extended school closing, we will be ready.

In sum, school will be closed on Monday, March 16, 2020 so teachers can participate in professional development on distance learning techniques. If you have any questions about distance learning or coronavirus prevention techniques, please contact me at ntennant@boyslatin.org. We thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Ex animo,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Noah Tennant", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Noah Tennant
Chief Executive Officer