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To the Princeton Day School Community,

As you no doubt know, Governor Murphy today issued a series of executive orders, as he and his cabinet seek to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by curtailing commerce and the movement of New Jersey's nine million residents. Included in his directives is a stay-at-home order which severely limits travel and mandates the closing of non-essential businesses. These and other orders are in effect until further notice.

While we had planned to open next week for students to collect books and other items, Princeton Day School will heed the Governor's directive and close its doors immediately to all but essential personnel.

For some in our School—faculty and students alike—I know this may initially prove to be a hardship, as it will no doubt complicate the planning and remote delivery of the program. If you find that these directives imperil your child's progress and prospects, I'll urge you to be in touch with his/her division head, all of whom are eager to guide and support the students in their charge.

Lower School Head Sandy Wang has altered her plan to distribute iPads to her students. Those devices will be mailed home Monday. Middle School Head Renée Price and her faculty have worked closely through the week to ensure that no student will be at a disadvantage if she/he is without essential materials.

With the faculty and Department Chairs, Upper School Head Trixie Sabundayo and Upper School Head-Elect Chris Rhodes will continue their efforts in pursuit of that same goal for our School's largest student cohort, some of whom may have fewer resources than we and they might like. I know they will do so.

As soon as Governor Murphy lifts his order, I hope to be able to provide access to our School to faculty, parents and students. Until that time, I urge you to heed his directives, all of which are intended to blunt the spread of this awful virus and afford us a quicker return to our normal lives. We are all safer at home, and I urge us all to remain there

Sincerely,

Paul J. Stellato  
Head of School