

SCHOOLS BUILDINGS CLOSED REMAINDER OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

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Dear Boys' Latin Family:

We learned today that Governor Wolf extended the school closure through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. While this news is disappointing, it is not entirely unexpected. At Boys' Latin, we will continue to move forward with our plans to provide every student with rigorous instruction through our distance learning program as described in the Boys' Latin Continuity of Education Plan. Remember – our mission is unchanged, and we expect our students to continue working toward their academic goals. The school buildings are closed, but school is still very much in session.

We know it is difficult to replicate the special dynamics of classroom learning at Boys' Latin. We too will miss the spirit of community generated from sharing one space. Please know, however, we are still experiencing this as one. Our faculty is focused on building continued connections with students, preventing academic regression, and challenging students with high expectations and content.

Parents, we ask you to join us in encouraging students. Remind them that the next few months of the academic calendar will indeed count on their report cards toward their end-of-year grades. This can be an opportunity for continued growth and enrichment so that students are prepared to be promoted to the next grade level. Their hard work now will reap rewards, and this time must not be viewed as vacation or time-off. Students' commitment and diligence are critical to their ongoing success. Teachers and staff will remain available to offer support and guidance.

Additionally, all families are asked to complete the <u>Distance Learning Access Survey</u> found on the school website. We now know distance learning will be the method of instruction for the remainder of the school year. It is important to ensure everyone has access to the proper tools to use Google Classroom. Boys' Latin stands at-the-ready for students in need of loaner Chromebooks or families in need of internet access support. Again, please complete the <u>survey</u>. We want our students and families to have the resources they need. Families may also email <u>blaccountinfo@boyslatin.org</u> with technology resource requests.

In closing, our school family is important to us. We encourage everyone to take proper precautions and stay safe. Though we are separated by distance, our hearts remain together, focused on safeguarding our students, families, and community. I know this is not easy, but our warrior spirits are strong.

Ex animo,

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