## This email contains new information about our extended closure due to COVID-19.



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## Dear AACS Eagle Community,

Annapolis Area Christian School campuses will remain closed to faculty, staff, students, and families through Friday, May 15, 2020. As many of you know, Dr. Karen Salmon, the State Superintendent of Maryland Public Schools, announced earlier today that public schools in the state will remain closed through May 15. The AACS community's safety is not negotiable. To that end, AACS K-12 leaders continue to follow public health expert advice while applying state and federal government guidance as we work together to support teachers, staff, students, and families during this unprecedented time in our nation's history. Additionally, all school-sponsored public events, activities, meetings, practices, and games are canceled through May 15 per physical distancing guidelines from local, national, and global public health organizations.

AACS's move to virtual school began on Monday, March 30, and I could not be more impressed by the ingenuity and dedication from faculty, students, and staff. We are committed to continuing to provide your children with an outstanding Christian-education experience.

Yearend celebrations and traditions are at the forefront of our minds, and contingency planning at our four campuses is well underway. Our seniors and their families are especially impacted, and I want to reassure you that we are preparing for all scenarios. Principals will share details about yearend events as soon as more guidance for public gatherings is shared from state and federal government officials and public health experts.

All COVID-19 updates and resources, including K-12 communications to families, are conveniently located on our <u>Health Advisory and Updates</u> webpage. If you have questions about tuition deferment, please navigate to our <u>COVID-19</u>

<u>Financial Relief</u> webpage. Additionally, we are adding new resources weekly to our <u>Parenting Resources</u> page so that families are equipped with ideas and tools for honoring unstructured time in Christ-centered creative and relational ways.

We -- the board, teachers, and staff--are praying daily for students and their families, many of whom are already heavily burdened due to COVID-19's widespread consequences. Psalm 46:1 is a familiar verse that both comforts and encourages me. "God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble." We are in this together, anchored in Jesus Christ.

In His Service and Yours,

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