

January 7, 2022

To the Princeton Day School Community,

Although a quick winter storm has given students, faculty, and staff a moment to catch their breath at the close of a demanding, productive week, I thought it important to interrupt this snow day with important news about the operation of our school next week.

Beginning Tuesday, January 11, the Lower School will be fully remote through January 14. There will be no classes on Monday, January 10, so that Dr. Sandy Wang and the Lower School faculty will be able to prepare for the start of remote learning.

On-campus classes and activities in the Lower School will resume on Tuesday, January 18.

This decision is based on my assessment, and that of Head of the Lower School, Dr. Sandy Wang, that the number of faculty and staff available for programs in the Lower School next week will fall short of our needs. However, we are confident that the cohort of faculty available for remote instruction will allow Lower School students to enjoy a robust program.

During this period, on-campus, in-person instruction and activities in the Middle School and Upper School will continue without interruption.

Lower School families will hear shortly from Head of the Lower School, Dr. Sandy

Wang, with plans for the coming week. Lower School homeroom teachers will also be in direct touch with students and their parents.

I appreciate the challenges this decision presents to students, faculty, and Lower School families, and I apologize for this unplanned interruption. Our School's commitment to having students on campus each day remains undiminished, and I am confident that this step will allow us to ensure the continued, safe operation of our School.

As you have questions or suggestions about the information in this letter or other COVID-related topics, please send them to <u>PDS Together</u>.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our faculty, as they endeavor each day to provide their students with the richest possible experience.

Respectfully,

Paul J. Stellato Head of School