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To our Page County Public School Community:

The health and safety of our student and staff are of paramount importance. The coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is dynamic and changing daily. We have been monitoring it continuously as well as coordinating and consulting with other local, state and federal agencies as appropriate to make sure we are doing everything possible to continue to meet the needs of our students. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided school divisions with guidance on when to consider closing schools due to COVID-19. The three areas to consider when determining whether to close schools include: (1) a school-based COVID-19 case; (2) significant student and staff absences; and (3) a larger community mitigation strategy undertaken in collaboration with the local health department.

Page County Public Schools currently **does not** meet any of these criteria, but due to growing parent and community concern we were going to announce the following this afternoon and now we have Governor Northam's order for further support, we will:

- Close schools for students beginning Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through the end of spring break on March 27<sup>th</sup>;
- Cancel all school and extracurricular activities through March 29<sup>th</sup> and cancel practices until further notice for now;
- Cancel all usage of PCPS facilities through March 29<sup>th</sup> from outside groups and agencies;
- Communicate regularly with students, families, staff and the larger school community through local media and all PCPS social platforms including our website, phone calls, and notifications;
- And incorporate deeper cleaning and disinfecting procedures during the closure.

As our community addresses COVID-19, we ask that you continue to practice good personal health habits such as washing your hands frequently, covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and other measures that help prevent the spread of illness. Detailed information about COVID-19 is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to monitor and address this challenging situation.

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