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To our Maple Run families:

We find ourselves in a rapidly changing, uncharted situation. We are grateful for the guidance and support that we have received from the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Agency of Education, and the Governor's Office.

On March 15, at 3:20 p.m., Governor Scott [announced that statewide school closure](#) will occur no later than Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The purpose of this message is to provide you an update of the actions the Maple Run Unified School District will take as it relates to Governor Scott's School Closure announcement.

To ensure a smooth transition of learning, school will be in session on Monday and Tuesday of this week. During this time, we will have the opportunity to see our students, work with them and help prepare them for what future weeks may look like. It is important to note that student attendance at school on Monday and Tuesday is a family decision. For these two days, attendance procedures will be waived, and no student will be penalized for not attending.

After Tuesday, schools will be closed for our students. The Governor stated that this directive "will last through April 6 -- but may very well be extended for a longer period." At this time, we have no further information on the length of the closure.

Your district leadership teams will be working with our employees to plan for the support of our students and families during the closure of school. To be clear, our primary areas of focus include the wellbeing of our students, families and employees. The plan that we are developing will strive to encompass all of the components that Governor Scott has referenced in [his statement/press conference](#).

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support as we move forward. We realize that, given the changing landscape, there will be questions. Our first priorities are to ensure a smooth transition, followed by plans of support. You can expect regular communication from our district so that we are keeping you informed. We are doing all we can to make sure these priorities are taken care of to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kevin Dirth*  
Superintendent of Schools