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Dear Families, Students and Staff,

Governor Scott just announced that all Vermont schools will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Districts will close schools for in-person instruction and be required to implement continuity of learning plans for remote learning. This extends the Governor's previous directive dismissing PreK-12 schools from March 18 to April 6.

This decision was made in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Education in the continued effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. To minimize disruption to students' learning, the Governor's order directs school districts to come up with plans for distance learning by April 13.

We recognize how shocking this information is for you. It is equally as surprising to us. We expect guidance to be forthcoming with answers to your specific questions of "what now?" However, I wanted to share this with you as soon as possible.

You can read [Governor Scott's full press release online](#).

Sincerely,

Kevin Dirth  
Superintendent of Schools  
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