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Dear Parents,

Today Governor Whitmer issued an executive order which extended the COVID-19 school closures through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, unless the guidelines are lifted. This announcement comes with a heavy heart because we are all missing the daily connections that happen within the walls of Hillsdale Prep. However, given the current situation with the pandemic, we fully support the governor's decision and know that she is acting in the best interest of our community and our children.

Although the Governor's order has closed school buildings, it does **not** mean that the school year is over. The Michigan Department of Education will be sending guidance to schools within the next few days so that we know what is required of the school for distance learning. Hillsdale Preparatory School staff will spend the next week finalizing plans for distance learning. With the majority of students having access to devices and the internet, we hope to proceed with a plan for online learning. We are exploring how to provide internet connections and devices to those students without them. During the next week staff will also be exploring how to use the technology platforms available to us, how to implement a plan that is sustainable through the rest of the year, how to utilize all staff members in the plan and how to hold students accountable to the requirements of the plan. The details of the plan will be outlined in a letter next week.

Distance Learning will plan to begin on Monday, April 13th and will be a requirement for all students in order to complete the current school year.

Please continue to visit our website and Facebook page for updated information. Questions can be directed to me at Annie.Fowler@hillsdaleprep.org

We are a family and we are in this together,
Annie Fowler
Head of School