



Dear Altamont Community,

In a press conference yesterday, Gov. Ivey announced her decision to close all public schools for the remainder of the school year. This proclamation does not currently affect private schools. The State Health Officer issued a mandate today closing all non-essential businesses until April 17; this does affect private schools. **We will continue to follow our Distance Learning Plan (DLP) through April 17.**

As a private school, we have the flexibility to move forward slowly and prudently on decisions relating to cancelling school and school-related events. Decisions about whether we will continue to follow the DLP after April 17 will be guided by our Board of Trustees, information from the medical community, and directives from our local, state and national government. We will remain in constant contact with you, so that you know of our plans well in advance of the April 17 date.

**Spring formal** and Altamont Day of Service are **postponed** but not, as of yet, cancelled. We will keep you posted on when, and if, they can be rescheduled. It is our sincere hope that we can preserve as many of our spring events as possible.

Thank you to everyone who completed a **survey for our Distance Learning Plan**. We received an excellent response and appreciate the many positive things you had to say.

From the **survey results** we are seeing two primary areas that need to be addressed:

1. More face-to-face interaction via Teams or other video conferencing platforms
2. Better balance in workload and manageable daily schedules

**Moving forward, learning modules will be due at noon on Wednesdays and 5 p.m. on Fridays.** Our student support team, director of education technology, department heads and leadership team are meeting to come up with solutions to more fully address these two areas of concern. We will report back to you when those are in place. Please remember that **students have a mandatory check-in with their advisors on Monday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m.**

Finally, this is a complex situation that we are continuing to work through together. I will be in touch with you all on Monday with more updates.

Stay safe,  
Chris Durst  
Head of School