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Hello Monument Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well and healthy. The coronavirus pandemic is having a profound effect on our communities, families, and our way of life. As we navigate through this challenging time, we want to continue to be a resource for all of you. We will continue to share information around where you can attain resources, how you can support your student's continued education, and what you can expect from Monument Academy moving forward.

Mayor Bowser and Deputy Mayor Kihn announced in a press release today that all DC Public Schools at this time will remain **closed through April 24th** and will re-open on April 27th. Our students will be able to return to boarding beginning at 6:00pm on April 26th. We realize that the closure presents a void for our students and families to go without access to their education and the other resources Monument provides for all of you. Therefore, we are collectively working to put plans into place that will ensure continued access and support. Next week we will begin "distance learning" using additional resources provided by the school.

We will provide each of our students with their school iPads so that teachers are able to deliver instruction, assignments, and assessments. Although OSSE has made the decision to cancel the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exams this year, we still want to make sure that our students are preparing for promotion and/or closing the academic gap. A detailed explanation of how distance learning will work, and how to use the technology that we are loaning to students, will come next week.

Monument will continue to provide resources to our families in need for as long as we can; however, we implore you to take advantage of the many other organizations that are supporting the community. If interested, [these](#) restaurants are letting kids eat free while schools are closed. Family Engagement is including a list of all sites and times where you can pick up breakfast, lunch and dinner for your families. Please continue to let us know your needs, and we will do our best to either provide them or link you with an organization that can help.

As promised, the school has started the process of sanitization. A machine that sprays sanitizing chemicals has been used to treat the classrooms and offices. In the near future, we will also sanitize the residential side of the school. Additionally, we have requested a deep cleansing throughout the entire building, including the residential units. We expect this to all take place while the school is closed. Beginning Monday, the school side of the building will be closed to all to preserve the cleaning and sanitization. We will schedule all meetings and let you know where you can pick up materials and/or devices, or we will work with you to deliver these items to your homes.

Sincerely,

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