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STRIDE Academy COVID-19 Closure

The public health crisis created by the COVID-19 is unprecedented. As we work to prevent the spread of the illness, it is clear that all of us are in a new reality. We have been following the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Centers for Disease Control, and local public health experts on how we can keep everyone in our school community -- students, staff, family members, and visitors -- safe during this growing health crisis. We are now at a point where the balance has shifted and we have made the difficult decision to close the school.

Effective Monday, March 16, we will close STRIDE Academy for two weeks while we evaluate and plan the appropriate path forward. While our school facilities will be closed, all staff will be working on learning plans to have in place for students to continue to learn during this time. Starting Wednesday, the school will be open for the care of children of first responders and critically needed health care workers. A note from your employer must be provided for this.

This is a difficult decision, but necessary, as we try to slow the spread of the virus. STRIDE Academy understands that our schools provide a social safety net for our children. The closing of school has consequences beyond the loss of instructional time and it is not an easy decision.

In the coming weeks, teachers will be preparing for all of our students to have a plan and for additional support to be provided to assist students as they transition to a different way of learning and teachers to a different way of teaching.

We will continue to do our best to keep you informed. Facts and circumstances may change quickly, so we encourage you to check our website, strideacademy.org, and the STRIDE Academy Facebook page.