

Dear Paramount Academy Families,

As you may have heard, the Governor, in conjunction with the State Superintendent of Instruction, has extended the school closure until the end of the school year. While this move greatly saddens each and every one of us at Paramount Academy, we should take solace in the fact that this move was taken early as a proactive measure to prevent and contain this overwhelming virus within the amazing communities we reside in.

The school day will look incredibly different from now until the end of the school year, but through the Microsoft Teams platform, your child will still have the opportunity to see, speak, and work with his or her teacher on a daily basis, including our engaging Drama and PE instructors. If you have not already, please go to [www.office.com](http://www.office.com) and log in your child into his or her Microsoft account using the username and password either handed to you with this week's packets or through an email that was sent from [directorsoffice@paramountacademy.com](mailto:directorsoffice@paramountacademy.com) this past Thursday. Not only will our students now have access to Microsoft Teams, but they will also have access to other Microsoft tools such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. We will be sending out a survey on Technology needs for those of you who do not currently have the tools necessary to access this online platform. Until that survey is sent and those needs addressed, we are continuing to print and hand out weekly work packets from 9am to 1pm Monday through Friday. We are taking a host of protective measures to ensure that safety is our number one priority when distributing and collecting these packets. Please understand that school is not out, and there are daily expectations each of us have to make sure the learning continues. In addition to the packets, we are also returning personal items that have been collected from our classrooms. If you have not yet already done so, please stop by and give us a call and we will walk those belongings out to you.

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Since 1996, Paramount Academy has established a foundation of educational standards that we continue to cultivate and grow; rest assured, we will continue to work on your behalf to ensure that we continue this tradition through our amazing educators and staff. With this transition, we have asked a lot of our parents and guardians; we hope you all know how appreciated you are in working with your children on a daily basis in partnership with Paramount. This experience, I believe, has strengthened this communal bond between all of us for years to come. With as much as we have asked of you, I am also personally asking for your patience and understanding with refunds, graduation/promotion, and school pictures. Our priority right now has been completely overhauling our instructional delivery to one of distance learning and hand-delivery using updated social distancing practices. Once these practices become more routine, we will have the capacity to move forward with addressing those questions and concerns. I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Again, we as a school want to extend our gratitude to each and every one of you. We miss you and we are thinking of you every day.

Sincerely,

Paramount Academy Administration and Board of Directors