



Dear Randolph Families,

I hope this communication finds you and your family healthy and beginning to adjust to the new guidelines in place to deter the spread of COVID-19. Once again, my goal for the near future is to provide you weekly updates regarding the impact that this is having on our school community. Additionally, we have established a [webpage](#) which centralizes information and resources for the Randolph School community.

The health of Randolph students, employees and families remains the School's top priority. We are committed to being as prepared as possible, and thus provide the following updates on this evolving situation.

Transition to Virtual School

We launched our version of virtual school on Wednesday, March 18th. Our faculty and staff have worked hard to ensure that this transition to remote learning allows for meaningful student engagement in the learning process. We realize that it will take a few days for everyone to develop a daily school schedule that works for their family. We also realize that our version of virtual school is a work in progress, and that our virtual learning model will continue to evolve as we determine what works best for our students. We will continue to work to streamline communications with families to most efficiently deliver important messages. Please feel free to contact your division administration via email with any questions, suggestions or feedback as you observe your child's experience.

School Calendar

Our current plan is to continue to operate on the current school year calendar for the remainder of the school year. We have added one additional day to Spring Break. **Friday, March 27th, will be a school holiday. Spring Break is still scheduled for March 30th through April 3rd. School will resume on Monday, April 6th, whether virtually or on campus. I plan to communicate our decision regarding an April 6 return to campus in my Thursday parent communication next week.**

Spring Break Travel

With Spring Break quickly approaching, we are particularly mindful of concerns and restrictions around travel, both internationally and domestically. Please be mindful that travel restrictions can change with little or no advanced notice, and airlines may change or cancel flights in response. **If you choose to travel to a destination that is under a travel restriction or advisory due to COVID-19 we ask that you notify the school prior to returning to school on April 6th.**

School Sponsored Student Travel

We continue to work with each interim trip travel vendor regarding cancellation and refund policies. Like other agencies in the travel industry, these vendors are inundated with numerous cancellations and requests, so it may take a few weeks to come to resolution. We will communicate with each affected family once we reach a resolution.

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We also continue to gather data from health agencies and our peer schools across the country regarding their current stance on upcoming student travel. This pertains to all student trips, including arts and athletics competitions that involve travel outside of the Huntsville area following Spring Break. We will provide weekly updates as additional information becomes available.

School Campus Closure

Both campuses remain closed except for employees who are critical to maintaining our operational infrastructure. As we strive to abide by the recommendations from the local, state, and federal health departments, we ask that students refrain from gathering on campus at this time. If you need to access technological resources or to conduct other school business, please reach out via email to schedule an appointment. Parents will be notified of further cancellations of spring events by the event coordinators, or you may refer to the Randolph event updates section on the parent resource page on MyRandolph.

Best Practices and Self-Care Guidelines

As always, the health and well-being of our community of students, faculty, staff, and families remain our highest priority. Please be reminded that to take care of others in uncertain times we must first take care of ourselves. I ask that you continue to observe the guidelines and recommendations from the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), the [US Department of State](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our entire school community for the overwhelming positive response during these challenging times. I feel sure that as the school has experienced many challenges over the last sixty years, we will rally together through this experience to become a stronger and more resilient school community.

I believe many schools find solace during challenging times when they pause to focus on their mission. In other words, Seeking Truth, Building Character, and Nurturing All is what we do best! Remember our campus may be closed but school is still in session!

Stay Healthy,

Jerry B. Beckman
Interim Head of School

