

# Foothills Community Christian School

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Dear FCCS community:

Thank you all for your encouragement during the last few days. I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful community of families. Board members, key faculty and staff, and IT personnel have been in communication this weekend to respond to the quickly changing information regarding the impact of COVID 19. We will continue to monitor updates from the CDC, the Health Department, and GFPS. Our standing policy is to follow the GFPS decisions related to school closure. We want to be prepared so we can keep your child's health and safety in the forefront of our plans.

## **WE WILL BE OPEN FOR SCHOOL ON MONDAY.**

School leadership will be meeting Monday afternoon to work on details related to doing school remotely. The Board is in communication daily and will meet Tuesday evening to review our status and plans moving forward.

Here is what we have done to date:

- Increased sanitizing awareness and procedures within the school
- Increased vigilance on checking students' signs of illness
- Signs will be posted on Monday in the bathrooms reminding students and staff of hygiene protocol
- Teachers will meet on Monday afternoon to receive training on students doing school from home (remotely)
- Monitoring the status on the DC trip
- Upcoming field trips will be postponed or canceled
- Decision on the Sports Banquet will be made Monday
- MSDB is possibly canceling all non-MSDB usage
- Basketball season is canceled for Middle School
- Golf season may be delayed – decision will be made later

We recognize and understand the growing concern about the possible spread of the coronavirus in our schools and community. We also recognize and understand the rapid changes in responses to this crisis from our government. While the schools have not been asked to close, we understand that some parents may want to take additional steps now, including keeping their children home. **All healthy students and staff can and should continue to attend school as normal; however, if you would like to keep your child home out of abundance of caution and/or for health-related reasons, we want to assure you that all absences will be excused.** As long as Covid-19 virus is a health concern based on CDC, Cascade County Health and



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**GFPS, those absences are waived and absences do not need to be made up. Students are responsible for the work.** You will be able to secure assignments from Planbook through your child's teacher and/or pick up assignments at the office. Please email [bponnell@foothillschristian.org](mailto:bponnell@foothillschristian.org) or call the office at 452-5276 if your child will stay home for any reason.

**If your child is ill, PLEASE keep them home.**

We will have more information related to students doing school from home (remotely) in the next couple of days. PLEASE WATCH FOR IT.

**Remember that President Trump has declared today a National Day of Prayer.**

Thank you for all your encouragement, patience and prayer in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Working for the Master teacher,

David Culpepper,  
Head of School



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