



March 23rd, 2020

Dear ARGs Families, Faculty, and Staff:

This afternoon, Governor Ralph Northam announced his decision to close all public schools in Virginia for the remainder of the school year due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. As a result, the **Appomattox Regional Governor's School will remain closed through the end of this academic school year.**

We understand that this news is concerning, but we also recognize that these extraordinary measures are necessary to protect everyone's health and safety. As we move forward, we will continue to do everything possible to help address the concerns and questions that you have about your child's ongoing education during this unprecedented time in our nation's history. I want to assure you that we are continuing to work daily with the Virginia Department of Education (VDoE) on a wide variety of issues, from grades and continued student learning to graduation. The VDoE has assured us that they will provide statewide guidance regarding these and other matters in the coming days, and we will share this information with you as quickly as possible. **In the meantime, we are asking that students continue to work with their teachers on the schoolwork that is currently being provided. If you are unable to access the internet for learning purposes, we ask that you call the office to notify us of your status, between 8 am and 12 noon on weekdays.**

In the coming days, weeks, and months, we ask for your continued patience, kindness, and understanding as we navigate this new territory together. Our team is actively working at all levels to further develop and operationalize more robust, individualized academic resources and other plans to address the immediate and future needs of our students, families, and staff. As we make these final decisions, we promise to share specific details with you through our various communication channels to keep you fully informed.

We are living through unprecedented times that will challenge all of us in many ways. ARGs is a creative but resilient community, and we know that we will be able to rise up with solutions and perseverance through these challenges.

Sincerely,

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