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Good evening Parents, Caregivers, Staff members and Friends of BREC:

This is a message to provide you with an update on the continually changing situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on schools. This afternoon, Governor Ralph Northam announced that all public and private schools across the Commonwealth will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

As expressed by the Governor, this was an extremely difficult decision to make, but determined to be necessary, for the safety and wellbeing of our communities. There remains a great deal of uncertainty as to how this decision impacts grades, graduations, continuity of important services and so on. In the coming days, the U.S. Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Education will be providing guidance to schools on these topics, as well as the continuation of learning opportunities and keeping our students connected with their schools as much as possible.

Please know that our team at BREC have you and your families in our hearts and minds, and that we are continuing to revise our plans according to new information we receive and decisions that are being made on the local, state, and national level. This news comes to us with many unanswered questions and a great deal of disappointment; we miss our students, our work together with you and our entire school community.

As we receive guidance and make decisions about our school, we will be sure to keep you informed. Our staff remains committed to serving our students to the best of their abilities and we will follow through with our previously communicated plans for coordinating with our students, their parents, and IEP team members to offer alternative learning opportunities for thinking, reading and creating after spring break.

In the meantime, please focus on taking care of your family and health practices that help prevent the spread of illness, such as limiting outings to those that are only necessary, frequent handwashing, avoiding contact with others if you are ill, and, practicing social distancing.

We are in this together with you,

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