



March 15, 2020

Dear Paulden Community School Families,

After carefully monitoring the latest developments in the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, I have been in constant contact with our school's leadership, monitoring guidance from state and local leaders, and weighing the concerns of our staff, parents and community members. Therefore, in consultation with our governing board, I have made the decision today to close the Paulden Community School campus effective Monday, March 16. This closure will remain in effect through at least Friday, March 20.

Late last week and over this weekend, it became evident with the national declaration of emergency that in order to protect the safety and well-being of our students and staff, a closure was necessary.

Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting the Paulden School community, we realize there is still great concern among our stakeholders about how this disease could spread in our schools despite all of the measures taken.

This decision, while very difficult, is being made out of an abundance of caution for our community's health. In addition to closing the school to students, the following measures are also taking place:

- All school events are cancelled until further notice.
- Breakfast and lunch service will be available for pick up only as a 'to go' option from 8:00-9:30 and 11:30-1:00 at the school on Monday, March 16, 2020.
- Breakfast and lunch distribution plans are currently being finalized in order to best meet the needs of our families. More details and instructions will be shared in the coming days.

To ensure that you have the latest information and developments, please make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the school's office. We will be providing updated information as we receive it on the Paulden Community School website at www.pauldenschool.com, Facebook page and Bloomz .

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate this unprecedented public health challenge that affects us all.

Richard Hay
Governing Board Member