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COVID-19 Update #4

Dear Strong Rock Community,

First of all, let me thank you for your patience and continuing support during these challenging times. You have proven once again that Strong Rock parents are the best! Our commitment to you is that our leadership will continue to make decisions guided by two principles: the health and safety of our school community, and the integrity and quality of our core educational programs, both of which are inspired by our trust in and love for Jesus Christ.

In further cooperation with our President, Governor and a growing local and national consensus, we have made the following decisions aimed at curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus at this critical juncture:

- Strong Rock Christian School will continue utilizing online learning through Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Strong Rock will begin spring break on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. (i.e. We extended Spring Break by 2 days)
- Strong Rock's main campus will continue to be closed to all students through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will re-evaluate and issue further guidelines in advance of that date as needed.
- Teachers are available during normal school hours for online student interaction, questions, and personal help.
- Campus facilities will remain open for limited access to staff.
- Athletic and other co-curricular activities are suspended through April 1<sup>st</sup>. These activities will also be re-evaluated, and guidance provided in advance of that date.

We continue to be optimistic that students will be able to return to campus after spring break and have the opportunity to complete the experiential aspects of their education. We will continue to provide updates and guidance as to the date of return in cooperation with our local, state, and national authorities and health officials.

In the meantime, for students studying at home, the intent of the national "shut down" is to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, especially by those who show no symptoms in its early stages. Many experts believe the virus is already far more prevalent than we realize. Many people will experience only minor or moderate symptoms, but for vulnerable populations, especially those over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions, the virus is far more dangerous. All this broad effort will be of little effect unless people, young and old, choose to restrict their normal social activities and limit contact with others. The need to prevent the spread of the virus is as critical in your home and community as it is here at Strong Rock.

Please act in ways that promote personal and collective health during this period of crisis. It is our prayer that your family remains healthy and well and that we can return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your trust, your patience, and your encouragement during this unique time.

Best Regards,

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