

Dear Omega Parents/Guardians/Friends;

As you all know by now, we are facing an unprecedented public health crisis. Having had the privilege of working, at Omega, for 19 years now, this is definitely a first. Last Friday morning, Omega had a School Governing Board meeting and, as a board, had decided not to interrupt your child's education by postponing school for one week. Now, considering these most recent developments, we have since changed course. The Omega community's well-being and safety is and will continue to be of paramount importance.

Omega will follow suit and take the more prudent approach of, "wait and see". The decision our School Governing Board took this morning, to extend our Spring Break for one additional week, was a unanimous decision. Students and faculty **are not expected back tomorrow.** Even though there is no current mandate to force schools to close, Omega has opted to close for one week to better assess this developing situation. Omega has kept its eyes and ears vigilant, in monitoring and following the latest recommendations from national, state and local public health authorities. Omega has monitored and will continue to review, revise and revamp added measures to ensure your child's safety.

The support and the information stemming from our leaders; Ms. Jacqui Clay (Cochise County School Superintendent), Ms. Kathy Hoffman (Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction), Governor Doug Ducey, and the Arizona Department of Health Services had been exceptional. These leaders have scheduled and extended invitations to school personnel to attend webinars and the such. The information has truly been very educational and helpful.

I know that in addition to education, Omega provides vital support to our community. I know that this closure will have a significant impact on our students and families. It is Omega's intent to provide breakfast and lunch to our students. The details about the distribution and logistics will be coming soon.

In conclusion, Omega administration and support staff will meet tomorrow to better determine how and what to do to minimize the detrimental impact this decision may have on our Omega community. As of right now, Omega is expected to return to regular session on Monday, March 23rd, 2020. I will forward you additional information regarding the additional services Omega will provide your child despite the fact that we are not in regular session. Please continue to monitor our communications. Please do not hesitate to give me a call should you have additional questions/concerns.

I greatly appreciate your understanding,

Respectfully,

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