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Dear Hancock Families and Staff,

Yesterday, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz announced the extension of Minnesota school closures through the end of the school year, Thursday, May 21, 2020.

The state's announcement is intended to give parents and educators as much certainty as possible so they could plan and make decisions for the remainder of this academic year. While this is not the outcome any of us wanted, we are thankful for the information so decisions can be made at the local level. The Hancock School District plans to continue to provide such things as food service, childcare, and meaningful learning opportunities through distance learning for the remainder of the school year.

For our students in Grade 12 (Seniors), we echo the Governor's comments, knowing this is a time when many are excited for the pinnacle of their high school careers, only to see it taken away by the pandemic. We appreciate their dedication, and the way they have represented the Hancock School District during their academic career. Based on today's announcement, this year's prom will not occur. The 2020 graduation will remain on Friday, May 15th with details finalized in the next two weeks, and they will be made based on guidance and data from the State Department of Health. Regardless of whether our graduates are celebrated in person or virtually, the Hancock School District plans to honor our Class of 2020 for their success and accomplishments.

Please note, there will be no school or online instruction for students on Friday, May 1, 2020 or Monday, May 4, 2020 as teachers will be participating in professional development. These two days of professional development were ordered by the Governor and are meant to provide staff an opportunity for all Minnesota teachers to collaborate and to refine their Distance Learning practices.

Health and safety remain our number one priority to make the best decisions for our children, families, and school community. We will also continue to work tirelessly to ensure, to the best of our ability, staff are not harmed financially, and that they are able to continue to work, providing support for those we serve.

Thank you for being part of Hancock Public School. We are proud to serve as your Administration, and are confident we will be stronger for having this opportunity together.

Sincerely,

Paul Carlson, Superintendent
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