

## Pineland Learning Center

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## Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you for your continued patience during this evolving situation. As with all our work, student and staff safety is our highest priority. Due to recent events with the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States, we are taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of illness.

As we negotiate this uncharted territory, we believe that the time has come for our district to make an important decision.

Pineland Learning Center has decided to move to an all remote model beginning Wednesday, December 9 and tentatively ending Friday, January 8. We will return to an in-person model on Monday, January 11, 2021.

Great care and research went into this decision; however, we regret the hardships this will cause for some of our families. At this time, we believe that it is the right step to take for the health and safety of our families, employees, and the community at large.

We will use this time that school is closed to develop the following areas:

- Review and adjust our daily approach to disinfect
- Develop flexible and remote learning options for all our students
- Support our families in coordinating food service options

In the coming days, we will communicate more information about the academic schedule, technology support, related services and other areas that may need support.

Because of the magnitude of this decision, I ask that you please reach out to Principal Minor (darwyn.minor@pinelandschool.org or 609-805-4794) with individual requests and needs. He will serve as the first contact for funneling communications throughout the district.

We are committed to providing you with timely and accurate updates on the best recommendations and guidance from our public health authorities. We'll continue monitoring the situation weekly and proceed on a week-by-week basis.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to access the latest, most accurate information about COVID-19 from the World Health Organization (https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public) and the CDC (www.cdc.gov/covid-19).

Sincerely,

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School Director

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