

Dear Summit Families,

On Friday, April 3rd, Governor Parson issued a stay at home order for the state of Missouri beginning today, April 6th, through Friday, April 24th. For more information on this order, please read the following [FAQ](#) provided by the governor's office. The Crisis Team continues to monitor the situation and guidance provided by the CDC, Springfield-Greene County Health Department, and government ordinances. At present, our distance learning plan continues through April 24th. If we need to extend distance learning further for the health and safety of our community, we will communicate that decision no later than Monday, April 20th.

Thank you all for your time, honesty, and thoughtful responses to the Distance Learning Survey shared with you last Monday. Your [responses](#) were overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. Each and every one of our teachers is working diligently to ensure we are providing the best education possible. They are investing the additional time needed to research, plan, and provide quality distance learning, instructional resources, and student/parent guidance and support. We are proud of our teachers' shared dedication and commitment to success! We also heard your valid concerns. Teachers have all met within their divisions to review and discuss the results and how to improve our plan moving forward. Please review the [updates](#) by grade division. Thank you for your patience and participation in helping us identify imperfections and providing constructive feedback as we continue to adapt and adjust moving forward.

We are aware of the concerns regarding Zoom privacy, and we want to share with you some of the practices The Summit has implemented to protect student privacy while using Zoom. First, all Zoom meeting links are now password protected and are only shared directly to users through a password protected platform (email, Google Classroom, etc.). Teachers have been instructed not to post Zoom meeting links on any public platform, such as a blog. The waiting room feature is also enabled on all classroom Zoom meetings, so the host (teacher) must approve and admit all participants into the meeting (no one can enter the meeting without this permission). As with all technology use, we strive to protect our students while enabling them to share and learn in a safe and interactive environment.

Again, we appreciate your continued support as we navigate and improve our distance learning plan. The Summit will still be observing our Home Stretch Holiday on Friday, April 10th as a no school day. We hope you are able to take a step back from the stresses of our current situation and enjoy this time together as a family! We all look forward to the day when we can reunite as a Summit community and celebrate what we've accomplished together!

Sincerely,

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Susan Miranti
Board of Trustees, President

