

Dear Parents,

As you know the governor has requested that students not come back to their schools for the rest of this school year. Unfortunately we had been anticipating this for weeks and was the reason we wanted to get a start on Long Distance education. Yesterday, when I was told that this announcement was to be made - I truly felt and still feel a sense of grief and loss. God created us to be together and this is really hard. So many of us have been planning for the events of the last quarter- and now we can't do those together. Some of our families have relatives in the hospital who they can not visit. Some are burying loved ones without funerals. We know this is not the way life is supposed to be.

Let's remember to pray for each other and encourage each other. Our staff has already been excited about connecting with so many students- even if virtually. I have loved seeing students who drive up for breakfast or lunch. We will and must stay connected to each other through this crisis. Seniors, my heart aches a lot for you. Please know that we are committed to you and will stay in touch about how we can celebrate your graduation together.

Rehoboth families, you are loved. It is so important that we do our part to show our love to others by keeping a distance which is so contrary to my nature. I am praying for safety and protection for all of you and our staff who want the best for you and your children. Thank you for being part of this Distance Learning education. Next week you will be asked to give your principals and teachers feedback about how things are going so we can continue to improve the process. In the meantime, please reach out to staff as they are willing to help. Remember, our Administration Building will be open every day from 8-3 so feel free to call with any concerns or questions.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Ippel