

Hi Everyone

I hope you're all doing well after a bit of an extended break for most of you. Our teachers and support staff are awesome and have been hard at work all last week preparing your learning environment for the upcoming week and beyond. I am sure that, like me, you appreciate all that they are doing for all of you and will join me in thanking them when you see them in the next few days.

By now, you would have received the letter from the district, via your teacher – which talks about functional closures. If you haven't received it yet, please talk to your program teacher to get a copy. Similar to a snow day, this is when a certain number of staff from a school are away and they don't have enough replacements to reasonably staff the school. Fortunately for us, our programs are in 22 different locations throughout the district – so the chances of our entire school being shut down is very, very slim. There is a chance that a program may be moved to online for a day or two if staff are suddenly away, and we cannot get replacements in time: however, it is much easier for our district to replace 1 or 2 teachers and/ or support staff. Unlike trying to temporarily restaff a school, temporarily restaffing a program is much easier and quicker.

What does this mean for all of our students? It means that if the staff of your program are away ill and we cannot open for any reason, you may be moved online: but only for a day or two until we are able to staff the program. Even in this case, if you are unable to move online and have a need to come in (like during the delayed return to school) we will make this happen for you. Please just let us know if this is the case. I do anticipate, though, any temporary move to online because of a program's functional closure, will be very short as we will do our best to staff it as soon as possible. We are much smaller than a school so it is easier to do.

Families – please reach out to our school staff if you need any support from us. We are here for you during this extremely difficult time.

If anyone needs to reach out to me, my contact information is in the signature of this transcript as well as in the description section to this video. I will continue to personally reach out to all of you via video as the situation evolves. For now, stay safe, and stay strong. We are in this together and #TogetherWeCan!

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