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Good afternoon Kinnikinnick families,

As you have likely already heard Governor Pritzker has suspended all in-person instruction for the remainder of the school year. We will continue Remote Learning for the coming weeks so that we continue to be safe at home.

The Governor's decision is in the best interests of our students, families, and staff. I also recognize that this decision brings with it much sadness and disappointment. My heart aches for students and staff who will not be together to finish out the school year and take part in our annual traditions like, Timberlee, field days, the Fine Arts Festival, field trips, concerts, and parties. We also carry in our hearts, our 8th graders being promoted to high school and those transitioning throughout the district. We are here to help navigate a very challenging and sad time. We want you to know we care and think of you often.

What I continue to be impressed by is our resiliency and adaptive skills as a community. We continue to be committed to providing our students a continuity of education through their regular lessons Monday through Thursday and enrichment activities on Fridays. Remote Learning is getting stronger every day. We know that our students are successfully accessing their lessons and we are working hard to ensure that this is the case for every single student.

We know that through our continued home-school partnership, we can engage our students in learning because it is important to their growth. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership so that we can successfully continue your child's education. Our Kinnikinnick families thus far have accepted the challenge and we couldn't be more proud of you!

We know that as a result of this announcement, there will be many questions, regarding supplies, field trip refunds, promotion, etc. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to work through transitional decisions over the next several weeks. We want to be sure that we continue to communicate with you frequently and will be reaching out as soon as decisions are made.

Be Brave, Be Well,

Keli Freedlund
Superintendent