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Dear GSA Parents and Guardians,

Global Scholars Academy continues to monitor the COVID-19 global health crisis and specifically its impact on our community. This week the Governor closed all schools through May 15. **GSA will have a virtual return to learning after Spring Intersession ends - beginning April 1, all instruction will be done remotely online.**

Our primary focus over the past couple of weeks has been making sure every scholar has the devices and internet access they need to connect to a virtual classroom and developing digital content and materials to support online instruction.

We understand this is a major shift from our normal way of teaching and learning but, we are here to make sure our faculty and our families are supported and can, in turn, support our scholars.

The below points outline how we will maintain quality continuity of education as we navigate our new normal.

Building Closure

Global Scholars Academy has closed our facility to all non-essential employees. The building closure is indefinite.

Technology and Connectivity

- Each scholar should have received a laptop or tablet to use at home while we are learning online.
 - If you do not have a device, please reach out to Jason Prince, jprince@globalscholarsacademy.org so we can get you set up.
- We also have hot spots available to provide internet access to families at home, as needed. Please let Mr. Prince know if you need a hotspot.
- We will be conducting connectivity tests between now and April 1 to troubleshoot any connection issues and make sure that by April 1 every student is able to connect to their virtual classrooms and engage with their teacher and their classmates. Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions
 - Friday, March 27 @ 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 - Monday, March 30 @ 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, March 31 @ 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 - Test links will be posted day of on Class Dojo and Facebook.

Virtual Classroom Instruction

- Class will be held each day online with your students' teachers and classmates.
- K-8 will use a combination of Google Classroom, Class DOJO and Zoom Meetings to connect each day.
- Schedules and other important information, such as virtual classroom links, will be posted by Monday, March 30, 2020 to our normal communication platforms.
- Please connect directly with your teacher as needed for makeup learning materials if you must be absent at your scheduled class time.

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Testing

North Carolina will apply for a testing waiver for this year. GSA will wait for guidance from the State on whether or not we will have EOG testing. However, even without testing, students are expected to participate in class. Assignments will be graded and used with other data collected over the course of this academic year to determine pass/fail.

Child Nutrition

GSA is serving as a grab and go lunch pick up site for our scholars and our community. In an effort to stop community spread of COVID-19, Mayor Steve Schewel, issued a stay-at-home order for Durham residents. Rest assured, school lunch pick up is considered an essential reason to leave your home and is allowed under this order.

- Families may pick up free meals Monday - Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- Please visit <https://globalscholarsacademy.org/covid-19-free-meals/> for more information.

Health and Wellness

Please visit our COVID-19 website, <https://globalscholarsacademy.org/covid-19/>, for information on talking to your child about COVID-19 and other health and wellness tips and resources.

- Our counselors are still available to you while scholars learn from home. Lakeisha Thomas, school counselor, can be reached at lthomas@globalscholarsacademy.org for any questions or concerns you are having about your scholars wellbeing or challenges your family is facing as a result of school being closed.

Communication

We will continue to communicate updates to our families via Class Dojo, our school website and Facebook page, and robo calls and texts.

- Please confirm we have updated contact information for you and any other adult that serves as your child's guardian or caregiver.

Lastly, we want to thank you for your commitment to working with us to make sure your child continues to grow and achieve during this emergency situation. While the tools and resources used to teach and learn are new, our commitment to our scholars and your family remains unchanged.

With gratitude,

Dr. Andrea Carroll
Head of School