



A Message from Suzanne Stell

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Dear Shelton Families,

This coming Monday, March 23rd, Shelton will roll out its e-learning (Grades 6 – 12) and at-home learning (EC – Grade 5) contingency plan that we put into place prior to spring break. Expect to hear from your division heads concerning their specific plans. What an educational adventure this will be for all of us. In response to the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, **Shelton will extend its building closure through at least April 3rd.** This includes suspension of all extracurricular school-related activities and events.

We will be evaluating our future plans based on the advice of city, state and national experts and any official pronouncements we should receive. As most everyone knows by now, there are many variables that enter into these decisions. You should also know that, as an ISAS-accredited school, we are in collaboration with our peer schools. Together, we are taking this action to protect the greater community and support the healthcare professionals on the frontlines.

Mindfulness is an educational / emotional practice espoused by many, and one which is used by Shelton. It is part of our mindset at this moment. We know that the coronavirus situation has affected everyone in so many different ways, and that we all have unique emotional needs that need to be met. Our in-house school counselors stand ready to assist however possible. In addition, there are many online resources that are readily available to all. We'll continue to share some of those on our website page.

Thank you for your continued vigilance with all aspects of social distancing that have been put in place. While the lives of many, including the Shelton community, have been disrupted as a result of the pandemic, the activated social distancing measures are meant to combat and disrupt the spread of the virus.

As this story unfolds, we may each be personally touched somehow. Our question will be – ***How can we help?*** We are here for you. We're in this together.

Sincerely,

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