



March 15, 2020

Dear Doane Stuart Community,

The Doane Stuart School will switch to online-learning technologies beginning Wednesday, March 18, through April vacation (please see the plan below). At that time, we will re-evaluate the possibility of any extended closures. This Monday, March 16 will be our last day of in-person instruction until at least April 20.

This decision was made in light of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 virus, to protect the safety and health of our family of families. We're approaching this not as a setback, but as an opportunity for our students to experience new ways of learning and the power of new technologies to create an online community that is close and supportive of each other, just like Doane Stuart is every day.

I want to emphasize that Doane Stuart is not closing. We are OPEN, and are teaching and learning. The only difference is that the classroom sessions, meetings, and other daily activities will be occurring online. Likewise, the operations of the administration and staff will continue. We are closing the physical campus to allow our crew to do a thorough cleaning and prepare for the return of students after April vacation, so we ask that you not come onto campus until that time.

Our "continuity plan" is as follows:

Monday, March 16:

- Classes will meet as regularly scheduled
- Out of uniform day
- Aftercare, after school meetings, and practices WILL continue as planned
- Students and parents should retrieve belongings from the building

Tuesday, March 17:

- All faculty and staff will report to Doane Stuart for a Professional Development Day
- The building will be closed to all students and parents
- This is a non-instructional day

Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, April 10:

- Middle and Upper School students will meet, as instructed, for online classes every weekday
- The building will be closed to all students and parents

Thursday, April 9:

- Parents will receive an updated communication with regard to our on-going "continuity plan"

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April 10 through April 19:

- Closed for April vacation (non-instructional days)

Monday, April 20:

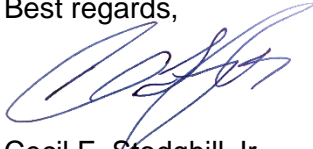
- Anticipated return to the building to resume in-person classes

The health and safety of every student, faculty, and staff member is of the utmost importance to me, as your Head Thunderchicken. Along with the support of the Board of Trustees, we feel that this plan reflects such a responsibility, within our community, but also runs parallel to Doane Stuart's mission of being "socially responsible" to those outside of our community.

Families who do not have Wi-Fi may obtain free services from Spectrum for 60 days. For more information, please visit: <https://www.wkbw.com/news/national/coronavirus/spectrum-to-offer-free-broadband-and-wifi-to-students-without-it>

Thank you for the support of this decision, and this community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Stodghill Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Cecil F. Stodghill Jr.  
Head of School