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“A place where learning has no limits and together we work for the success of all.”

March 12, 2020

Dear HCPS Families:

Shortly after 5:00 pm today, I was informed that there has been a presumptive positive case of COVID-19 identified in Harrisonburg. We have consulted with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and reviewed the new CDC Guidelines on School Closures. Based on those recommendations, we were advised that we do not need to close schools at this time for health-related reasons. The VDH has assured us there is no known link between this case and our schools. However, we have decided to close schools for students on Friday, March 13 in order to facilitate additional staff planning time for potential future home-based instruction. Originally, we had scheduled only one planning day for next Friday, March 20. Given the changing nature of the situation, we are adding a planning day for staff tomorrow. In addition, all after-school and extracurricular activities are canceled through Sunday, March 15. At this time, we are planning for students to return to school on Monday, March 16 unless we receive different guidance from the VDH. We will continue to keep you informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MGR', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael G. Richards, Ed.D.  
Superintendent