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LPS Families,

It has been another busy day, as we continue to monitor developments with the COVID-19 pandemic. As you may have seen late this afternoon, Missouri Governor Mike Parson held a press conference in which he declared a state of emergency. It is important to note that canceling schools beyond our spring break was not a part of his declaration of emergency, at least at this time. LPS will continue to keep in close contact with Clay County Public Health Center and local health agencies to determine our plan beyond March 20. We do, though, want to assure you that the safety and health of our students and staff is the top priority of Liberty Public Schools.

Over the course of the past week, LPS administration has been working on a contingency plan in the event school would need to be canceled beyond our spring break week, which takes place March 16-20, 2020. Work will continue on this plan, including extended learning from home, nutrition services, and internal human resources planning. As we have shared throughout this week, this situation continues to be an extremely fluid one. If anything would change, specifically anything that would affect our schools following our spring break week, we will communicate with families in a timely manner. Also, there is a variety of resources concerning COVID-19 available on our LPS website, and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

As this unprecedented week comes to a close, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our health services professionals in the region. LPS has remained in close contact with these partners since the situation quickly escalated earlier this week. This will continue in the coming days, weeks, and months, and we appreciate all they do.

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