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Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we continue to monitor issues related to COVID-19, I am writing with another update.

As you know we will resume classes virtually on April 1. While we are hoping students can return to campus this spring it is looking increasingly unlikely due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

We have not yet canceled all on-campus events, but I want the community to prepare for the distinct possibility they will not happen. We therefore want to communicate the following points:

1. All students should return home if possible. Please contact me [ccahn@suffieldacademy.org], Greg Lynch [glynch@suffieldacademy.org], or Patrick Booth [pbooth@suffieldacademy.org] to get any necessary documents such as passports for international students.
2. In the event that returning home is not possible, families should contact Greg Lynch. We will always provide space for those unable to return home but would like all who can to do so now given what we know about the situation.
3. We will extend virtual classes throughout the rest of the academic year regardless of whether we resume on campus.
4. If students or parents would like to get belongings please contact me or Greg Lynch, or call the school's main number listed above. If you would like items shipped please contact Greg Lynch.

I have appreciated the many recent emails lending support and expressing dedication to Suffield Academy. All of us feel a deep sense of loss and frustration. We are especially upset for our seniors, who should soon be celebrating the many events that lead to Commencement.

As mentioned in previous letters about COVID-19 we are relying on information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], U.S. State Department, World Health Organization [WHO], and Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Please keep me or Greg Lynch updated on overseas travel plans, and you can find further details on the COVID-19 section of the Suffield Academy website. You will notice many changes to the Suffield Academy website beginning tomorrow [March 18, 2020].

Sincerely,

Charles Cahn III
Head of School