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Thomas M. Conrad
Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 14, 2020

To: All Families

From: Superintendent Thomas Conrad

Re: **School Closure for Students Effective Monday, March 16th due to COVID-19**

In my continuous monitoring of the situation with the COVID-19 virus, I had hoped we would be able to get a few more days of school in this upcoming week before the crisis got any worse, which would have allowed us more valuable time with students and to be even better prepared for an extended closure. However, developments over the past day, including the first case of COVID-19 being confirmed by Cape Cod Hospital today, have caused me to make the decision to temporarily close all schools in the Nauset School District, effective this Monday, March 16th for a period of at least two weeks, up through Sunday, March 29th. The closure is likely to be extended through April vacation, dependent upon how the situation evolves.

Please note that we are not aware that the newly confirmed case is linked to anyone in our Nauset Schools community, but I have no doubt there will be more confirmed cases coming on Cape Cod, and it is prudent at this time to move forward with our closure plans.

Although school will be closed for students, staff will be reporting to work as usual to move forward with our development of plans for remote learning and other student support services that we plan to provide. The Central Administration Office and operational support functions will also remain open during this time.

You will be receiving more details in the coming days from me, your child's school principal and teachers regarding plans for continued learning at home. We hope to have this information to you by Thursday. It is our goal for teachers to maintain daily contact with their students once our remote learning information has been disseminated.

I understand that this closure creates many challenges for families, and I am committing the School District to do everything it can to support you and your children during this unprecedented situation.