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March 16, 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURE BEGINNING MARCH 17, 2020

Dear Families of the Midnimo Cross Cultural Community,

The recent outbreak of Covid-19 (sometimes referred to as “coronavirus,” “Wuhan coronavirus,” or “novel coronavirus”) has officially been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (“WHO”), and the State of Ohio has confirmed the existence of “community spread” of the disease.

Although the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Ohio Department of Health continue to stress the importance of common sense measures (e.g., frequent hand washing, staying home when you are sick, cleaning commonly touched surfaces, etc.), in light of the spread of this disease, **the Governor of Ohio has ordered the following measures be taken:**

- 1. EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR A THREE WEEK PERIOD. AT THIS TIME, THE SCHOOL WILL BE PERMITTED TO RESUME OPERATIONS ON APRIL 6, 2020.**
- 2. ALL MASS GATHERINGS, INCLUDING ANY EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS, ARE CANCELLED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MASS GATHERINGS INCLUDE THOSE WHERE THE ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE IS ABOVE 50 PEOPLE.**

During the period of closure, the School will implement the following procedures:

Access to School Property:

- During the period of closure only essential staff will be permitted to access to enter the school facility. School playgrounds or sporting fields will be closed to nonessential staff members.
- Students should take any personal and/or work materials home at the end of the day Monday, March 16, 2020 in anticipation of this school closure. You will not be permitted to enter the School to retrieve any forgotten items
- The School will be thoroughly cleaned, including all “high touch” surfaces, using a cleaner identified by public health officials as effective in eliminating the Covid-19 virus.

- Members of the school community are asked to practice social distancing, including avoiding areas where a congregation of more than 50 people may be present in close proximity to one another.
- Additional information will follow regarding educational services and food services in the coming days.

You should contact your doctor or local hospital if you suspect that your child or a member of your household is exhibiting signs or symptoms of Covid-19 (specifically, fever, cough, and shortness of breath). In the event that your child or a member of your household is suspected of exposure to Covid-19, you must contact the Human Resource Department via email at mraglin@edsolns.com immediately.

Please remember that common-sense preventative actions may go a long way in preventing the spread of illnesses, including Covid-19. Specifically,

- Remember to wash your hands frequently (using soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds) or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing;
- Avoid contact with people who are sick;
- Frequently clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces at-home;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and
- Stay home if you are sick.

Additional information regarding Covid-19 is available by visiting www.CDC.gov and Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov. You may also contact the School if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Stephens

Executive Director