

March 16, 2020

Dear Families:

As we begin this week as our newly-designated school vacation week I want to take the opportunity to update you about Paul Cuffee School's response to the developing situation around COVID-19, or the coronavirus, and its implication for our students.

Schools were closed this week in order to allow for cleaning and sanitizing, as well as to create distance learning plans. I want to assure you that our custodial team is working to clean and disinfect each of our school buildings according to the recommendations established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

In terms of continued school closing, Governor Raimondo has asked that we wait for a decision. In the meantime, we need to be prepared in the event that schools will close for additional weeks beyond this vacation week. Our schools, being led by distance learning teams, spent today working on our plans. We need your help, too. In order for distance learning to work parents will need to ensure the following for their children:

- a) Your child must have an internet-connected device that he or she can use for school work and not just a cell phone but rather a computer, tablet, or Chromebook.
- b) Your child must have a reliable internet connection every school day because most of the learning will be web-based.
- c) Your child must have someone at home to serve as an "at-home learning coach." To be clear, your child's teachers will provide the lessons, assignments, and expectations for students. We need for you to identify someone at home who can check in with your child's teacher in order to be supportive of learning at-home.

Paul Cuffee School is ready to assist families in providing the technology devices and internet access that our students will need. In order to help us understand any student needs related to distance learning, I am asking that 100% of our parents complete [this survey](https://forms.gle/ge8VHtPtjiq4ifwk7) as soon as possible. <https://forms.gle/ge8VHtPtjiq4ifwk7>

Please fill out one survey for every child you have at home attending Paul Cuffee School.

Please also remember that breakfast and lunch is available at eight [Grab and Go sites](https://www.providenceschools.org/grabandgo) throughout Providence beginning tomorrow between 11-2 each school day. <https://www.providenceschools.org/grabandgo>

Best wishes,

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