Dear Denver School of the Arts Community,

I hope all of you are staying healthy and supporting our greater community members during this challenging and unparalleled time. Again, I’d like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience as we continue to work through the closing down of all Denver schools in an effort to decrease the spread of COVID-19. As you may have been informed, on the afternoon of April 1, 2020, Governor Polis [amended by executive order](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NoUmIcFCk6RdVIJyizc2ZYpEMXKYQ96J/view), the suspension of “in-person learning”. The extension has been amended to last at least through April 30. Updates occur daily and frequently. For the most current information please visit the [Colorado Department of Education](http://www.cde.state.co.us/families) web portal. To find the most current information regarding suggestions for all citizens, please visit [Colorado’s official state web portal.](https://covid19.colorado.gov/schools-workplaces-community)

In conjunction with Governor Polis’s announcement, Denver Public Schools has made the difficult decision to postpone all school-sponsored events (i.e. athletic events, extracurricular activities, proms, school performances, etc.) that were scheduled for the month of April. Once a clear indication of what is to come regarding the remainder of the school year and with guidance from our district office, we will revisit these activities to see if it’s at all possible to reschedule them for a later date.

In light of this recent announcement, I would like to emphasize the communication from our [Superintendent](https://www.dpsk12.org/no-in-person-classes-through-april-30/) and District Leadership Team. Because this learning platform is new to us all, our primary and ongoing focus will be to provide the best remote-learning experience we are able to for all of our students, this month and beyond. With remote learning beginning in a few short days, the administrative team and I want you to know all of the staff members of Denver School of the Arts, along with district personnel, will continue to diligently work to provide answers and solutions as we navigate our new learning structure. Please know and realize our ultimate pledge, via flexibility and understanding, is to provide each student the best conceivable educational and artistic experience through these uncertain and difficult circumstances.

Just in case you were not able to secure a Chromebook and you still need one for your student, we have created a [sign-up list](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA9AE2DA3F49-dsachromebook1) for pick-up on the morning of April 6, from 9 am to 12 noon at the DSA Rotunda. On the sign-up sheet, please indicate a parent/guardian’s name and the student’s name who will need the Chromebook. Once we have this information, Mr. Kimble and I will secure the documentation you need along with device and have it ready for pick up at your designated time. If you have difficulty signing up for a device, please email me (Anthony\_McWright@dpsk12.org), and I will secure a pick-up time for you.

Again, on behalf of the entire Denver School of the Arts staff and Denver Public Schools, I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility. It is my firm belief that working as a team, we will accomplish our goal of continuing student learning, while supporting the whole child navigate these uncharted waters. ​We will get through this together and will be better because of it.

*There is an old Persian saying….This too shall pass…..Upon reflection about this statement and as we navigate these most uncertain times, it is my hope that we, as a greater community, think of ways to support each other through acts of patience, kindness, understanding, and generosity.*

The administrative team, [Denver School of the Arts](http://dsa.dpsk12.org/) staff, and [Denver Public Schools](https://www.dpsk12.org/) continue to wish well-being and happiness to you and your families. Please take care of yourselves and remain safe.

Sincerely,

Anthony McWright, Principal