



PATAULA CHARTER ACADEMY  
SPRING CREEK CHARTER ACADEMY



March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are disheartened to inform you that we have made the decision to close schools for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16. A closure means that all school related activities are also suspended until further notice. We plan to resume school Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, after Spring Break, unless we receive further guidance to continue the closure. We will continue to keep you updated on the situation.

Making the decision to close school unexpectedly is never an easy decision, especially for such an extended period of time. We understand that this will likely present a challenge for many of our families. However, based on guidance from state and local officials, we feel that an extended closure is in the best interest of the health of our students, staff, and communities to help stop the spread of this illness. Further, we received guidance from our authorizer that Commission Charters should follow the lead of the local districts on closures. Most districts in our attendance zone have now made announcements for two-week closures.

We have been preparing for this possibility for a few days. Teachers have created learning packets that will be sent home today. We understand that some families may not have internet access at home, so the packets include activities that do not require internet. Teachers will also include some internet resources. If at all possible, parents should try to obtain internet access to support learning during this extended closure. We also plan to implement a process for parents to check out Chromebooks, if needed, sometime early next week. Further communication will be sent to parents about this once that process is established. We also encourage you to communicate with your child's teacher via your regular communication methods to support your child's continued learning during this time.

We will be sending any additional information via IC Messenger and other teacher communication avenues throughout this process. Please also follow our Facebook pages and check our website and local media sources for more information.

Our prayers are with our families, communities, and our country during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kylie Holley  
Superintendent