Dear U. City Families and Staff,

As you all know, we are facing an unprecedented public health crisis -- not only in our community, but around the world. In this ever-changing situation, we are working hard to keep our families apprised of the latest information.

Our top priority is the health and well-being of our students and staff, and we take this responsibility seriously. With this in mind, The School District of University City will extend spring break preliminarily through April 3. All after-school and evening activities, including sports and childcare, will be postponed during this time.

We are finalizing plans to continue providing support for our families throughout this difficult period, and we will communicate the details of this support in the coming days. As always, any decision we make will be driven by our commitment to the health and well-being of our students, families and community.

We recognize that this disruption to our normal school year will have a significant impact on our students, our families and our staff. We know that this exceptional moment has prompted lots of conversation and questions, which we will address in the coming days.

Given the fluidity of this critical situation, I will continue to update you as new information becomes available. We continue to remain in close contact with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, St. Louis County Health Department and other school districts.

Should you plan to travel over spring break, I encourage you to use the CDC’s guidelines for travel and prioritize the safety of our entire community. We also ask that you notify us of any travel plans via email to communications@ucityschools.org.

As noted in a previous message, we have been working diligently to design plans to maintain the continuity of education in the event of short or long-term school closures.

- Elementary students have received learning packets with suggested instructional activities.
- Middle school studies will use Google Classroom with school-provided Chromebooks.
- High school students will use Google Classroom and/or Launch with school-provided Chromebooks.

For technology concerns, please contact rdillon@ucityschools.org. If you have general questions or concerns related to instruction, please email communications@ucityschools.org.

We are sailing uncharted waters, but I am confident that through continued dialogue and unwavering support, we will get through this together. More information will be provided in the coming days.

In Service of Our Children,

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Superintendent of Schools
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