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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As part of the East Community, we like to keep you informed about factors impacting our scholars. By now, you may have heard news regarding the steps taken by Governor DeWine to slow the spread of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) here in Ohio. In a recent press conference, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all schools across the state of Ohio will be closed for three weeks or until further notice. Our administrative team has a plan to support scholars and families throughout this extended Spring Break.

Precautions are being taken for the safety of scholars, staff, and school community to help slow the spread of the virus in Cuyahoga County. Effective immediately, all school-related and district-sponsored evening events are canceled through April 3rd. This includes after-school tutoring, sports, competitions, club meetings, and any other non-essential events that include students and outside spectators.

As we transition into statewide school closing, East Academy is dedicated to providing continued instructional practice for all scholars. Because we have an extended Spring Break, we are providing support to our students and families during this period in two ways:

- (1) We will provide free breakfast and lunch for anyone under the age of 18 in a drive-up-and go manner from March 16, 2020-March 20, 2020 and from March 30, 2020-April 3, 2020. Simply stay in your vehicle and drive through the parking lot to pick up meals for your scholar from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; and
- (2) We have prepared packets to help your scholar continue their growth and enrichment during this three-week period. Please contact the office between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Our governing Board and ACCEL Schools will continue to assess these precautions and make adjustments as necessary based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health, Cuyahoga Public Health Officials in addition to the Ohio Department of Education.

Our main goal is, as always, to keep all our scholars, staff, families, and community members safe as we navigate through these difficult times in dealing with this pandemic.

Yours in Education,

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