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Dear City of St. Charles School District families,

After further consultation with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health and the recent order from Governor Parson, it has been determined that we will be unable to have students in school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). School buildings across Missouri will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. This decision is made with one priority in mind; to keep our staff, students, families, and community safe.

We understand this puts a new set of questions in play and we will do our best to get you answers as soon as we have them. The District leadership team is discussing important items such as finishing the school year strong, the school calendar, honoring our senior class, graduation, summer programs/activities/camps, etc. We appreciate your understanding, support, and patience as we transition into this next phase of our extended closure.

Our full virtual learning plan will continue as we kicked it off this week. Teachers have been reaching out to students and parents, and have started to provide classes through virtual instruction. As a reminder, please check out the following on-line links: <u>Virtual Learning Google Folders for Parent/Student/Community Access</u>, <u>Parent & Student Presentation - Virtual Instruction</u>, and <u>Parent Video</u> that will help you navigate our virtual learning plan. Many resources for parents are also included on the District's Alternative Methods of Instruction website at <u>www.stcharlessd.org/ami</u>. Several families with elementary students have taken advantage of picking up a Chromebook, and we're excited that we could offer this technology to all of our K-12 students. To support the virtual learning process at PreK-6, learning packets are available for pick-up or can be downloaded and printed from the <u>Virtual Learning Google Folders for Parent/Student/Community Access</u>. The new packets for each week will be available at Jefferson and Hardin during food service pick-up times.

Please note that our breakfast/lunch service is continuing with pick-up times on Tuesday and Friday at Jefferson Intermediate and Hardin Middle (8:30-11:30 AM) .This service is still available at no charge (drive-thru/grab 'n' go) to all District families. Matthias' Lot Church (636-388-8242) is also continuing to deliver meals to families that need assistance. Families can pick up meals (breakfast and lunch) for 3 days on Tuesday and for 4 days on Friday. Our food service workers are wearing protective gear and we are doing everything we can to make sure this service continues in the safest manner possible.

Please be reminded that all SCSD school fields, tracks, and playgrounds are closed until further notice so that we can help do our part in reducing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Sadly, our spring activities/sports/theatrical performances/events are also canceled

for the remainder of the year. We deeply feel for our students whose seasons/events have been taken away from them. Our senior class is in our hearts and minds as we put plans together to honor them in an alternative/special way. Please stay tuned for more information.

I know we're all feeling overwhelmed. However, we will get through this unprecedented time together. Thank you for all you're doing to work with your children at home. You are not alone! Our staff is working hard to bring your children the best instruction we can, communicate with you fully, and support you. It is my hope that we will find balance, a united spirit, and peace as we move forward with our new reality. Communication will continue from the teaching staff, administration, and I will also send communication once we have more details to share regarding the end of the school year.

United together, Dr. Jason Sefrit Superintendent of Schools