

TO: WLA FAMILIES  
DA: APRIL 24, 2020  
FR: DR. MORTENSEN  
RE: **CONTINUATION OF DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMMING**

Greetings,

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for contributing to the growth that we, as a community, have made in the area of Distance Learning! It is hard to believe how far we have come in such a short time. Secondly, and as you may already be aware of, **the Governor in his press conference yesterday afternoon, has extended the Distance Learning program model, to be continued through the remainder of the current school year.** This means that our students will continue their school work at home and on-line, and not be returning to our building site until school resumes this coming fall. I understand that this is challenging for our families, students, and staff members, however WLA believes that the decision is in the best interests of our students. I would add that WLA families, students, and staff members have been working very hard to launch a quality Distance Learning program, and I am honored to work in partnership with all of our WLA stakeholders. I've seen amazing lessons and connections coming from the Distance Learning programming, and much love and respect being shared for the roles that we each have. That said, I would like to point out some key dates as we move forward, together, on this journey:

**May 1st and May 4th are non-instructional days, per the Governor.** These are professional development days for our staff members to reflect upon what is going well, and what yet needs to be adjusted.

**May 29th will be the last day of school for all WLA K-8 students.** The Board voted last evening to make that change from June 4th as the last day for students, to May 29th being the last day for students, in order to provide our staff members with additional time to conduct year end tasks.

Finally, our staff is working on Kindergarten Graduation, 8th Grade Graduation, and any other end of year activities we can organize to celebrate our students!

Thank you~  
Dr. Mortensen