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Dear Mount Olive Staff, Parents, and Students,

I pray that all of your families are enjoying your spring break even with COVID-19 announcements and precautions taking over the news. I encourage each of you to make this week fun and exciting for your children despite what is happening in the country.

Mount Olive Lutheran School closed beginning yesterday, March 16, per Governor Reynolds' recommendation to close all Iowa schools for four (4) weeks. All school-related programming, activities, and athletics are canceled. Based on current information, students will return to school on Monday, April 13, 2020. The Governor is in the process of forgiving these days. Even though these days will be forgiven, we do not want our students to regress over these four weeks.

To help ensure your child continues to learn and progress we will be transitioning to online learning effective Tuesday, March 24th. Online learning will look different for each grade. This will also give your child the opportunity to see their teacher in video, hear their voice, and receive their love and support. We ask that you have your child attempt all work that is assigned, contact the teacher with questions or for assistance, and help make this a fun educational opportunity during a time that may be frightening for them. Your teacher will be in contact with you prior to March 24th with further directions.

On Thursday, March 19th from 9 am -10 am and 5 pm - 6 pm, Mount Olive will be open for parents and students to come retrieve anything students would need from their locker. During this time, we will also loan out electronic devices for all of those who do not have devices at home for their child to use for online learning. The school library will also be open during these times for students to check out books. In following the current guidelines, we will limit the library to 10 persons at a time. Junior high students please use lower-level doors to reduce the number of people near the front door.

I want you to know that all of your families are in my thoughts and prayers. If any families are in need of anything to get through this time, I ask you to call Julie Leyhe at 515-681-9166. She will coordinate the needs of our school families.

In His service,

Cory Emily
Principal
Mount Olive Lutheran School