Dear ECRA Families,

At 6:00 p.m. on March 12th, the Governor closed all schools in the state of New Mexico. Earlier that morning the Governor issued a public congregation ban on any meeting of 100 people or more with the exception of schools. By 6 p.m. that night, the situation changed and school districts and charter leaders received notice to close schools. The school closure is effective March 16, 2020- April 3, 2020.

Most schools will reopen on April 6th, however, that is the beginning of our spring break. It has not yet been determined if we will keep the scheduled break or absorb it into the time when the school is closed.

El Camino Real Academy is working on details of a plan to continue to provide support and services to our students and community amidst the school closure. These plans will be shared on our website and emailed to families as they are finalized. At this point, we are hoping to begin online instruction for our students, but are awaiting the results of the Internet Use Survey that was sent home yesterday.

Meal distribution to our students will continue. Our families can go to any of the APS sites identified to pick up meals for our student and any other siblings under the age of 18. Please see the 89 Sites for Student Meal Pick-ups list located on the elcaminorealacademy.org website. The student must be present.

In the meantime, the best thing all our students can do is to stay home or in places without large groups of people. Select outdoor, fresh air places, over indoor places with large groups of people.

We are also including on our website a flyer called Talking to Students about COVID-19, A Parent Resource, that may be helpful as you share this situation with your child.

The Governor and the NM Public Education Department have determined that they will waive the instructional hours, so our school calendar will remain the same and we will not have to make up the missed days. Our plan is that the online learning component we are developing will provide our students with important continuity of their educational program and learning.

Thank you for your cooperation and collaboration as we move through this challenging time together. Be well and enjoy your families at home in a contained environment. Please visit our school website and your email regularly for updates!

Respectfully yours,

Jennifer Mercer

Executive Director

El Camino Real Academy