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Dear Parents,

Following Governor Cooper's directive Monday to extend the closure of schools for "inperson" learning through May 15, we want to update you on upcoming events and programs at LNC that are, or potentially will be, impacted. Please see this table of LNC Events & Programs Impacted by COVID-19. Just like the FAQs, this table is dynamic and will be updated as we learn more, so please check back periodically.

Three points of special interest are **graduation**, **prom** and **athletics**. At this point, graduation remains scheduled for June 1 and we fervently hope that this date will not be impacted. Unfortunately, because of the timing of the school's closure and the preparation needed, the prom is cancelled. Regarding athletics, middle school spring sports are cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Per the NCHSAA, high school spring sports are cancelled through May 15, and contests after that date will be reconsidered at that time. Parents of spring student-athletes, **please** ask your child for their uniform, put it in a zip lock bag and safeguard it until we can safely accept it back. We currently have over \$20,000 in uniforms out and we absolutely do not want to have to charge even one family for a lost or missing uniform, which could easily cost \$100-\$125.

We are saddened as we send this communication today and share the embedded table detailing one cancelled event after the other. As adults, we often feel we can soldier on through great adversity, but it is absolutely heartbreaking to have to watch our kindergartner sorely miss her teachers, friends and school routine or our senior son suffer the loss of their final sports season, senior awards night and prom. As school administrators and parents ourselves, our hearts break with yours. Yet, from this will develop a resilience and steadfastness in our children that will form them, see them through and serve them on the other side of this calamity. For today, give your kids a great big hug, tell them we miss them and we will get through this "Together."

Sincerely,

Shannon Stein, Superintendent

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