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Dear RPS Community,

As announced by Governor Tim Walz today, school buildings across Minnesota will stay closed for the remainder of the school year, with students continuing their education through distance learning.

As educators, we deeply value the education and wellbeing of our students and we wish we had the opportunity to see them again this year. While this extended closure is disappointing to us all, we fully understand and support the Governor’s decision as it will help keep our community safe during the pandemic.

As difficult as this situation is for all of us, it is especially hard for our senior class. To show support to the class of 2020, we will be distributing yard signs starting next week. The initial designs were reviewed by student government and voted on by RHS students. The winning sign is attached below. Student government also created an Instagram page with senior profiles and we will be posting a senior spotlight video each week on Facebook starting this Friday. You can expect to hear more from us on how you can support our seniors over the next week or two. If you have additional ideas or suggestions, please send them to carrie.vala@rpsmn.org. RHS families can expect an email from Principal Daniels on Friday with information on graduation and other high school-specific news.

Please stay well and stay safe. As the weather warms up, getting outside is a great way to be active. Go for a walk, take your bike for a spin around the neighborhood, or visit one of Richfield’s beautiful parks for a family picnic. Fresh air is good for the mind and body.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Steven Unowsky

P.S. Look for information Friday on our strategic plan process, which is moving to an online format. Your voice is as important as ever! The next step is to prioritize the list of suggestions that was gathered over the past few months.