



**St. Mary's County Public Schools  
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Dear SMCPS Community:

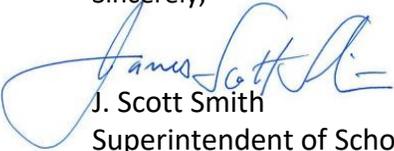
We will be enacting the directive from the State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Karen Salmon, to close all public schools. Effective at the end of the day today, Friday, March 13, 2020, until Monday, March 30, 2020, all St. Mary's County Public Schools and offices are closed. There will be no access to any school buildings during this time. The anticipated reopening of schools is Monday, March 30, 2020.

Please know that as additional guidance is provided to us by the Governor's Office, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the St. Mary's County Health Department - we will be updating our web page and sending this information to you. Please review all the provided resources regarding COVID-19 and how best to limit the possibility of infection and the transmission to others.

The St. Mary's County government has opened a community information line for St. Mary's County residents needing more information about the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Community members can call the center Monday- Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. to speak with staff, obtain information about the disease, or get their questions answered at: 301-475-4911.

We know, I know, how difficult and disappointing this closure will be for many of our students - performances cancelled, athletics postponed, and academics interrupted. But there is nothing more important to us than the health and well-being of our students - so I ask for your patience as we respond to the forces outside our schools and try to make the best decisions we can with the present constraints.

Sincerely,



J. Scott Smith  
Superintendent of Schools