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Dear Families,

Several days ago, you received an acceptance packet from Brooks School along with a letter from me, welcoming you to our community. In the handful of days since I wrote that letter, much has changed. The spread of novel coronavirus (COVID - 19) is having an unprecedented impact on this country and around the world.

Earlier today, I emailed the Brooks community -- students, parents, teachers and staff - - to inform them that students will not be returning to campus at the end of Spring Break. Until the virus is contained, our talented faculty will teach their classes remotely. This will be a new experience for all of us, but it's a challenge for which I believe we are uniquely suited.

It is my hope that at some point this spring, school life will return to normal: our classrooms will be filled with curious students and passionate teachers; our dorms will bring together friends from around the world; and our fields will be swarming with competitive athletes and loyal teammates. But right now, I regret to say that I don't know when that will happen.

Along with postponing the start of classes, I have also made the decision to cancel our revisit days on April 3 and 7. While it is disappointing that we can't bring you back to campus for what are always two of the most exciting and enjoyable days of the year, we will do everything we can to put together a virtual visit so that you can get a taste of life at Brooks. We will have more details about this in the weeks ahead, so be expecting an email from our admission office.

In the meantime, please stay healthy and safe. This is a difficult time for New England, the United States, and the world, and boarding schools certainly aren't immune.

If you have any questions, please be in touch.

Best,

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