

Dear Fuqua School Families,

Since my last correspondence on Monday, I have been spending a significant amount of time reaching out to parents by phone, participating in Zoom meetings with student leaders, and joining Zoom faculty meetings all in an effort to assess our progress with distance learning. All of the feedback I have received has been both positive and constructive. I truly appreciate the willingness of our school community to offer open and honest feedback so we can adapt and improve on our initial distance learning plan. The good news is the vast majority of the feedback was very affirming, so we will not be making major changes to our current plan at this time.

With the support of the administrative team and the other members of the school staff, the teachers have done an amazing job of implementing our previously developed distance learning plan and then adapting this plan over the last 8 days to best meet the needs of our students. Please follow this [link](#) to a distance learning survey that we have designed to gather more feedback as we continue to make minor adjustments to our current plan. Over the weekend, please complete one survey per student in your home.

As we track through the final 7 weeks of the school year, I will be engaging the faculty and division heads in a conversation about the best ways to assess student learning throughout the remainder of the year. The foundation of this conversation will be our ongoing commitment to providing an as equitable as possible learning experience in challenging circumstances, meeting the individual needs of each student, and living our mission of helping each student pursue their boundless individual potential. I will continue to report out on the results of this conversation in the weeks to come.

Other good news includes the possibility of having some special activities for seniors, including a Commencement Ceremony in June, if the restriction on gathering in large groups is lifted. Rather than take a “wait and see” approach, our senior leaders have embraced the opportunity to plan a senior week that will likely begin with Baccalaureate on a Sunday and end with Commencement the following Friday evening. Again, these plans will be tentative, but I applaud our seniors for taking on the mantle of leadership, and we are 100% committed to honoring them in some fashion before they join the ranks of Fuqua School Alumni. We will be evaluating similar opportunities to recognize our 8th and 5th graders as they advance to the next division. Please stay tuned for more information as detail become available.

I want to thank the entire school community for their understanding and support as we make informed decisions based on the most accurate and current information.

Stay well,
John Melton
Head of School