

March 11, 2020



Dear Stokes School Community,

We would like to provide you with additional updates about events planned for the coming weeks and months. Under guidance from local and federal health and education agencies, we are cancelling and/or changing the format of all large group meetings until further notice.

This includes:

- **The French/Spanish Basketball Game:** This event was originally scheduled for Friday, March 13th but is now postponed to a date to be determined;
- **APTT Meetings:** We are drafting a plan to disseminate information that would normally be shared during in-person APTT meetings. Concurrently, we are also planning to distribute videos to families with instructions on how to use the manipulatives distributed in the APTT meetings. We plan to send manipulatives home with scholars on March 16th.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** We will conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences by phone rather than in-person. Scholars' report cards will be emailed to families before the conferences and teachers will email links to families to schedule conferences.
- **The Second Trimester Celebrations of Learning** – Samples of student work/exhibits will be shared electronically and some hard copies will be shared as well.
The Franco Fête: This celebration will be cancelled.
- **All Committee meetings:** This includes Playground Committee, Wellness Committee, Kindred Dialogue Groups, Equity Team, Fox/UDC Playground/Garden Projects. Some meetings will be held virtually and we will distribute details about the virtual meeting options to meeting participants as soon as all of the details are available.

Additionally, DC Public Schools announced earlier today that their schools will be closed on Monday, March 16th to allow teachers time for academic contingency planning in case of school closures. **Stokes School will be open on March 16th.** Stokes School teachers will be planning for remote learning on this Friday, March 13th during their regularly scheduled professional development time. In addition to planning for remote learning opportunities for our students, our staff is also planning for the provision of other types of students supports in case of school closures – including meals.

As originally planned, **Stokes School will be closed for students on March 19th, March 20th and March 23rd.**

As we know, this is a fluid situation that is likely to change in the near future. We will keep you updated as changes occur. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Erika Bryant
Executive Director