



Dear Tamarack Community,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through the rapidly changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 coronavirus. We have continued to work closely with local agencies and our school association AWSNA keeping the safety of our school community as our highest priority.

As you may be aware, schools and organizations are grappling with the decision whether or not to remain open. In our own internal discussions, Leadership Team, the Board of Trustees and the school faculty have been strategizing on our own best course of action.

In the event of closure, we are planning for how we will engage in alternative and distance curriculum delivery. Yesterday the faculty met to develop initial plans for delivery of our Waldorf curriculum and continued engagement with students during a closure. There is still more time needed for teachers to fully develop a long term plan in order to adequately prepare for any interruption in face-to-face contact with our students. To that end, **Tamarack will be closed on Monday, March 16**, as a day for teachers to have focused time to develop plans and materials for students to work from home should a closure happen.

We are currently planning to continue with school on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 and 18, along with parent teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20. Please understand that the information contained in this update is based on the current situation and may change as events warrant. As of today **we have no timeline on possible closure**. Through each day, we are evaluating the situation as well as our response as we plan ways in which to provide the best possible learning environment while keeping the members of our community safe.

At the center of all of our discussions is the negative impact physical separation from our school community could have on many of our students. Please know that we are working to develop strategies that will help our students feel engaged and nurtured, and have outlets for assistance throughout the day.

Thank you for your understanding during the developing situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lora Poulos".

Lora Poulos
Administrative Director



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