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At-Home & Digital Learning to Finish School Year

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Hello Columbia Christian Community,

Many of you heard the latest update from Governor Kate Brown that has closed K-12 school campuses in the state of Oregon through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. At Columbia, our administrators and faculty have been tentatively planning for such a decision and we are confident that we are equipped to continue guiding our students through “At-Home & Digital Learning” to finish out this fourth quarter. Though the situation is far from ideal, we are making the best of it and pressing on.

There are many folks at Columbia who deserve our appreciation as we have navigated through these challenging times. Our teachers were recently recognized in a segment on KGW News Channel 8 as well as a radio interview by President Ami Vensel on 104.1 The Fish. In both features, Columbia was highlighted as a school that responded quickly and effectively to distance learning. We have witnessed our faculty working tirelessly to adjust to new methods, create new content, engage their students, and continue providing *excellence in faith, character, and academics*. None of our success would be possible without their dedication and love for our children!

Finally, our biggest thanks go to our students and their families. It is no small task for kids to adapt to significant changes – like suddenly moving all of their studies out of their classroom and expecting them to utilize new learning methods. Many of our parents/guardians are also dealing with job fluctuation – whether that means unemployment, working remotely, or serving on the “front lines” as essential workers. The impact of these transitions can only be magnified by the fact that it’s all taking place in the midst of a great time of stress for our communities, our country, and our world. Your resilience is commendable.

We are reminding ourselves and one-another to “take things one day at a time” and praying that we can glean the blessings from this experience. As we shared in our last message, we find comfort in Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” We are in this together and God is doing good things.

Blessings,

The Columbia Christian Administrative Team