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Norfolk Public Schools Will Be Closed through the End of the School Year

NORFOLK, VA – In alignment with Governor Ralph Northam’s executive order issued on March 23, 2020, Norfolk Public Schools will be closed through the end of the school year.

The Governor indicated that this decision was made to protect the health of all Virginians and minimize the spread of the current Coronavirus disease.

“Our students, families, staff, and community are all in this together as we deal with an unprecedented situation,” said Superintendent Dr. Sharon I. Byrdsong. “Norfolk Public Schools will ensure that students will continue to learn, and families and staff will continue to be provided with critical answers to the important questions on their minds.”

Areas that Norfolk Public Schools leaders will be focused on in the coming days and weeks include graduations, standard credits, grades, and continuity of learning for all students.

“Rest assured that the leadership of this amazing school division will continue to forge ahead in finding solutions to the issues that will arise,” said Dr. Byrdsong. “We pledge to keep our community informed in a timely and accurate way. We are deeply appreciative of the extraordinary work of our staff and the flexibility of our families.”

To stay updated on the Coronavirus issue, please visit the NPS [Coronavirus Update web page](#).

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Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) is on a mission to ensure that all students maximize their academic potential, develop skills for lifelong learning, and become successful contributors to a global society. We believe Norfolk Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proudly diverse community with highly qualified teachers and staff dedicated to providing diverse teaching and learning opportunities for all students.