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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the Commissioner of Education recommending to Governor Mills that Maine schools should continue remote learning for the rest of the school year, and in coordination with RSU 68, I want to make it official that Foxcroft Academy will finish the school year with remote learning. Though this is a decision I do not want to make, we live in extraordinary times that require extraordinary steps.

With this information, we are now able to plan for the close of the year and will share that information in the very near future. I would like to share some information as I know there are and will be, a lot of questions.

- There will be an April Break from April 20th-24th. Students and teachers have been working very hard and all deserve a restful break.
- The last day of school will be on Friday, June 5th.
- Foxcroft Academy will be having professional development days on Monday, April 27th and Tuesday, April 28th. No school for students.
- Coordination will take place to have student lockers cleaned out, the contents placed in a bag with the student's name on it, and delivered to his/her home.
- Work is being planned to ensure that many of our traditional activities will continue in a different form and we will announce the dates, times, and type of forum in the near future (Undergrad Awards Night, Senior Awards Night, etc.)
- Though this is a good time to have a prom because of six-foot social distancing (a little humor), it is impossible to plan for this event at this time.

Today, senior leaders will meet with the Superintending Committee to request senior privileges, a long time tradition at least over the past ten years. There aren't a lot of privileges to be had during remote learning, but it is important to not have the seniors miss out on their closing activities. My heart goes out to them. I am determined that graduation will take place but it will be later in the summer. There have been graduations at Foxcroft Academy for 197 years and that streak will remain unbroken.

Stay Well and Safe,

Arnold Shorey, Head of School