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Halito,

Today, the Oklahoma State Board of Education approved the closure of all State schools through the end of the school year. School facilities will remain closed therefore on-site instruction will not take place. We have continued to stay in contact with the Bureau of Indian Education, the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and Choctaw Nation Leadership.

Jones Academy has students in grades 1st-12th. We have a Tribally Controlled Elementary School for all 1st-6th grade students. Pursuant to the guidance provided by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Bureau of Indian Education, no elementary students will return to Jones Academy for the remainder of the school year. In accordance with the recommendation of the BIE, our elementary school academic staff will be working in the coming days to develop a distance learning plan that fits our unique student population. We will be in direct contact with the parents/guardians of our students when the details of a distance learning plan is finalized.

Our 7th -12th grade students attend Hartshorne Public Schools. Due to the Oklahoma school closures and pursuant to the guidance provided by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Bureau of Indian Education, no junior high or high school students will return to Jones Academy for the remainder of the school year. Hartshorne public school will be developing a distance learning plan for all students. We will continue to work closely with Hartshorne schools to ensure that all Jones Academy students are provided the necessary resources to successfully meet the requirement of the distance learning plan. We will be in direct contact with students and parents/guardians when we are provided with the details of Hartshorne school's plan.

Due to the current situation, Jones Academy Staff has been reduced to those identified as mission critical. Please understand that we have very few employees available at this time. Available staff are working to ensure that all students personal belongings are returned. Our campus will remain closed until further notice.

Please understand that this is a fluid situation and we all face uncertainties. We will continue to provide updates related to our school and our students as it comes available. We appreciate your patience and cooperation throughout these trying times.

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Patrick Moore
Superintendent
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