



Dear NMH alumni and friends,

While news swirls about and communities around the world react to shifting health and economic news, I want to offer some reassurance. At Northfield Mount Hermon, we know well our mission. We stand strong in our commitment to support our students and resolute in our determination to shape young people who will serve and lead with humanity and purpose.

Like you, NMH has been monitoring the rapidly changing circumstances around COVID-19. As you might expect, we have also been preparing and planning. Without question, it is an anxious time for all of us. I want you to know that our team at NMH is utterly committed to the health and safety of our students and employees. Making the most of the NMH experience requires us to assure a safe and healthy campus, and we will not compromise in our commitment to our community's well-being.

To update you on our current response plan, NMH will extend our spring break through March 29, and students are asked to stay home through April 12. Classes will resume and shift to Remote Learning Plans (RLPs) effective Monday, March 30. These plans include virtual classes, online instruction, and regular online conferences. Of note, international students and other students who are unable to return home may return to campus with school permission. Remote learning will continue as long as it is required to limit potential for COVID-19 exposure. The goals of this plan are to ensure that we deliver our educational program in as safe an environment as possible, to reduce the population density on campus and lessen the possible spread of COVID-19, and to return to our regular operations as soon as possible. For more information on the school's current plans, please see [COVID-19 updates on the NMH website](#).

Many alumni have been asking about NMH events on and off campus. We have canceled upcoming school events through early May, including Sacred Concert. This is, of course, a very difficult decision to make and one that we do not take lightly. In the case of Sacred Concert, we are already giving thought to how we might re-imagine this signature moment in the life of our school in a different way later this spring. As of now, we plan to hold Reunion Weekend as scheduled in June.

These are challenging times, yet I want to be clear that I see extraordinary resilience and support within our school community. Many thanks to our alumni, parents, employees, and volunteer leaders on the Board of Trustees and Alumni Council who have offered their unwavering support. NMH stands strong together.

In the days and weeks ahead, we will continue to monitor international, national, and state/local advisories and guidelines and respond with a resolute commitment to our community's health and well-being. We know that the situation very well may change, and we may have to adjust our plans further.

I wish you well in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian H. Hargrove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Brian H. Hargrove
Head of School