

Dear H.A. Family:

This morning, the Governor gave us the clarity for which we were looking in regard to private school closings. As a part of the [most recent order](#), all private schools in Alabama are closed until April 17th. Additionally, the order prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people. We are not yet prepared, however, to definitively proclaim an end to the school year. Unlike the public schools, who have a myriad of transportation and logistical issues to take into account, I believe we can assess this situation as it develops. We really do not know what the situation in Houston County will look like by April 17th. I want you to know, however, that the health of safety of our children, faculty, and our community will be the driving force behind any decisions we make going forward.

For our seniors and juniors, no decision has yet been made concerning graduation or prom. We are, however, currently exploring options for both. We will be in touch on this front when we know something more definitive.

I have attached the order for your perusal.

Be safe, and we love you all.

Dr. Scott D. Phillipps

Headmaster, Houston Academy

