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**Statement re: Diocese of Crookston Catholic Schools Closure  
Through End of 2019–2020 Academic Year**

**CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA, April 23, 2020** – Governor Walz announced an executive order today which extends the closure of all Minnesota public schools through the end of the 2019–2020 academic year. In cooperation with this announcement and out of concern for the welfare of the students entrusted to our care, all Catholic schools of the Diocese of Crookston will also remain closed. Distance learning in all Diocese of Crookston Catholic Schools has been occurring since March and will continue through the end of the academic year according to individual school calendars.

Director of Catholic Schools Andrew Hilliker has been working with school principals and pastors of Catholic schools on school-specific impacts related to the closure.

Additional Diocese of Crookston announcements pertaining to COVID-19 will continue to be published at [www.crookston.org/statements](http://www.crookston.org/statements).

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