Good Evening Northern Dance Family,

Effective Monday, March 16th all regularly scheduled dance classes at Northern Dance Academy will be canceled until the local public schools re-open. As you are most likely aware, CDA School District has decided to close all its public schools temporarily until at least April 6th, at which time they will reassess. In light of this, we feel we have no choice but to follow suit for the health and safety of all our teachers, students, and family members.

While the risk of individual infection with COVID-19 is low, aggressive action on all our parts now may significantly reduce the severity and duration of the infection should it reach our area, thus saving lives, resources, and minimizing the effect on our health care system and its capacity to provide essential services. While this extreme response will no doubt raise challenges for all of us, we are hopeful they will be short-lived due to our taking decisive collective action now. We ask for your understanding and assistance moving forward.

This closure will affect our regular class schedule only. RAD Examinations will go forward as scheduled on Monday and Tuesday this week (March 16th & 17th). A separate e-mail reminder with the exam schedule will be sent to those participating in the exams.

In the event school closures extend beyond April 6th, we will implement online classes via video streaming technology to prepare choreography for our annual recital on June 27th. Further information will be forthcoming as the situation develops and we gain a clearer understanding of this unprecedented event.

Once again, thank you all so so much for your support and understanding in this difficult situation. Together we will get through this and come out stronger on the other side.

God bless & stay safe,

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For detailed information regarding COVID-19 please visit these websites:

Panhandle Health District (Northern Idaho) http://panhandlehealthdistrict.org/covid-19/

United States Centers for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html As of this writing, there are 4 reported cases of COVID-19 in the state of Idaho.