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Dear WSD Students and Families,

We hope this message finds you safe and healthy. This is an extraordinary time, and while we are challenged by the uncertainty of this situation, we remain committed to our mission to provide superior dance education while supporting the performing arts in the community at large.

We have decided to keep the Bothell and Snohomish studios closed through April 26th.

Future Plans and Recital

- If it is safe to do so, we will plan to reopen the studio on April 27th and resume our normal schedule as much as possible.
- We will still plan on having a recital in June, however it will be a different kind of event as we will only have 7 weeks to prepare. We will be working with our teachers and students to create something special that will celebrate our school and our dancers.
- At this time, we are cancelling all of the costume orders, so if we do get to have a show, we will be costuming it with items from the studio collection, or creating our own costuming with items easily sourced locally or from our own closets.

Costume and Installment/Semester Tuition Credits

- This week we are crediting our dancers' accounts for their paid costume fees.
- We are also crediting any tuition paid from the day of our closure, March 5th, through April 26th, with the hope of continuing our Second Semester starting April 27th.
- We will not be taking the installment payment scheduled for April 2nd. We will not be scheduling future installment payments until we are able to operate classes in the studio spaces again.

New Online Classes!

Starting March 30, we are going to offer a selection of online classes that WSD students can register for through the Parent Portal. You are welcome to use your account credit towards these classes.

Online classes will be four weeks of instruction through the Zoom app. Students who register will be receiving a Zoom link to connect during their class time, access to recorded classes in case they have to miss their scheduled class, and some fun extras.

Dance education is best presented in the physical studio, so we are not trying to recreate our current class offerings, but provide high quality content and connection until we get back to normal. Teachers will be emphasizing elements from the WSD curricula that can best be practiced in a home environment, and creating new ways to explore music, movement and performance. You can see the full schedule of online classes here:

<http://www.washingtonschoolofdance.com/online-classes/>

We will also continue our Keep Moving WSD programming. We are regularly posting on Facebook and Instagram, and invite you to explore the videos and challenges posted to the Keep Moving WSD webpage:

<http://www.washingtonschoolofdance.com/keepmovingwsd/>
password: dancer

We hope that we can reopen on April 27, but we are aware that things are changing rapidly. As that date approaches, we will continue to evaluate the situation and adjust our plans as needed, always with our dancers' health and safety in mind.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of WSD. We miss having our dancers in the studio and we can't wait to get back to dance. Please let us know what questions or concerns you have, and thank you for being a part of WSD!

Amanda and the WSD Staff