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Gov. Mike Parson announced that Missouri school buildings will be closed for the rest of the school year during his daily press conference on Thursday, April 9, 2020. It's most definitely not how the seniors or retiring teachers wanted to end their school career.

Officials say the school year will continue remotely.

State officials say they are working in conjunction with the governor's office to answer questions, such as problems with internet access across the state, what will happen with summer school, and what will happen with important milestones such as graduations for the class of 2020.

"Challenging times brings out the best in people," Gov. Parson said, adding he could not say enough about how educators continue to adapt to changing circumstances.

"I want Missourians to know our aggressive efforts to combat COVID-19 are working," he said, adding, "We must keep up these efforts."

As we celebrate Easter please remember many students are heartbroken and at a loss as they will no longer see their friends or teachers the rest of the school year in the classroom. Seniors, we will pray that though you did not get to experience the last couple of months of school, there will be better days ahead.

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