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Dear Parent / Guardian:

It is with sincere gratitude that we extend our appreciation to you for having us as one of your partners in your child's Journey to Excellence. At this juncture, we pause to pay respect to parents, guardians, relatives, friends, and employees who are no longer with us as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will never understand why they were taken away from us so abruptly, and we cannot fathom the pain it has created in the homes where these loved ones played a pivotal role. One thing we know is that in John 16:33 God says *that we will experience great tribulation but we must be of good courage*. For the rest of us who are on the earth and not in the earth, let us be prepared so that when our names are called we will be ready.

As you are aware the Northeastern Conference includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. In all of these states the governors have announced that schools will be closed for the rest of the school year. What does that mean? It simply means that we will be continuing with whatever method parents can afford: the virtual platform or packages, that are currently being used in your local school.

We are planning a joint virtual Rally Day for all of our students that will take place in the month of May. The objective is to bring solace to bereaved families, promote Christian education, and continue that special bonding among students.

There are three vital areas that I will attempt to discuss with you:

1. Tuition: We want to thank those who have continued to support our teachers by paying their tuition, so that the teachers too can provide for their families. We have made an effort to reduce the tuition for the students who are in the Early Childhood Department to 50% of the actual cost. To parents who have lost their jobs, we will like you to contact your principal who will be willing to give you his or her support.

2. Graduation: Previously we announced that there will be no graduation, but with the help of experts in the field of technology, we are planning to have a virtual graduation and we will keep your principals posted as to how things are progressing.



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3. Registration: We cannot predict the future, but we know who is in control. No matter what happens you can be assured that our students will receive the academic instruction needed for their success. Whatever method or platform is suggested by our leaders, we will be there to ensure that our students receive the necessary instructions to prepare them for service in this world, and the world to come. With this objective in mind, we are encouraging all parents to register as early as possible so that we can acquire the necessary devices to make the transition seamless and learning attainable. Go to your school's website and follow the prompts so that your child will be guaranteed a place for the 2020/2021 school year.

Let us continue to pray for each other, so that Jesus will soon come to take us from this world of sin, sorrow, pain and death.

Yours in His service,

Viola Chapman
Superintendent of Schools