

Dear Fuqua Families,

First and most importantly, I hope your family is well and you are all adapting to the unprecedented times that have been thrust upon us. By now, you are aware of Governor Northam's Order #55 which included a shelter in place order for citizens until June 10, 2020. As each of us grapple with these events, we continue to direct our focus to providing our students with the best possible education, and we are doing so by continuing to live our mission as best we can in a changing time. We know that you must have questions, and I'd like to try and answer some here.

Even though our campus is closed, our school remains open and teaching and learning will continue. Our faculty and staff are more committed than ever to providing our families a creative, nimble platform for teaching and learning. Distance learning requires an "all hands on deck" approach with our support staff, technology team, faculty, maintenance crew, and administrative team putting in countless hours to ensure our students have the optimal learning environment at home. This is new to all of us, but our staff and our students are embracing the challenge and developing creative and innovative solutions that reveal the truth in our motto of "boundless individual potential"!

Fuqua School will continue to collect tuition and fees currently outstanding on our 2019-2020 payment plans. However, families who are experiencing hardship due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic should contact Betty Ingram ([ingrambm@fuquaschool.com](mailto:ingrambm@fuquaschool.com)) in the Business Office to receive information about tuition support, restructuring your current payment plan, and deferring payments.

Like businesses across the country, we are evaluating potential areas of savings in our operating budget, pursuing financial relief through our insurance company, and assessing opportunities for financial support for small businesses offered through the Coronavirus Stimulus Package. To the extent we receive financial assistance through these pathways and can use that assistance to support our school families without compromising the financial sustainability of the school, we are committed to doing so. At this point, however, we do not have any definitive information about the amount of assistance that we may receive.

Nonetheless, to provide some immediate relief for all families and to encourage families to complete the enrollment process, we will be **waiving the \$350 enrollment fee** for returning families. For those families who have already re-enrolled and paid their \$350 deposit, it will be applied to tuition for the 2020-2021 school year. The re-enrollment deadline that had been pushed to this Friday, April 3, has been removed. All returning families are encouraged to re-enroll as soon as they are able. We are committed to facilitating re-enrollment for all of our current families without adding an additional financial burden. Families who would like to apply for the Flexible Tuition Program for the 2020-2021 school year are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Flexible Tuition Funds are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We know that while everyone is impacted by the current crisis, some are more impacted than others. If the answers provided here do not sufficiently address your biggest concerns, please call us. Our most immediate objectives are the following:

1. To make sure your student is getting the tools necessary to complete this school year and that he/she is receiving the support needed to cope with this new-normal.
2. To support our teachers in their extraordinary efforts to complete the 2020 year.
3. To facilitate re-enrollment for all families who want to continue to provide a Fuqua School education for their child, and we are committed to making our school accessible despite the current financial challenges.

Again, please know I am available to answer any questions about these changes and to speak with families about the completion of the 2020 school year and the re-enrollment process. I also thank you for the opportunity to work with your children in these extraordinary times.

With gratitude,

John Melton  
Head of School