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Dear Parents,

Attached is your tuition contract for the 2020-2021 school year. We know that there is much uncertainty about how next year is going to look for many of our families and for life as we knew it in general. We want you to know that we are here for you and that we will do everything in our power to ensure that you will be part of our St. Joe's family until your child(ren) have graduated.

We've taken several steps to help keep tuition manageable next year. Our 5% anticipated tuition increase has been reduced to an actual increase of 2%. We are removing the class activity fee of \$75 and are deferring the upfront field trip fees. Share hours and Scrip obligation have been reduced for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, thanks to the Fulcrum Foundation and to a generous donor, we will have a much larger pool of tuition assistance available for our families who are struggling financially due to salary cuts, furloughs, and loss of business income. We want to do all that we can to make it work for your family, but we cannot help unless you let us know how your circumstances have changed due to COVID 19 and what you need.

Please return your contract to us by next Wednesday, May 6th. If we don't receive it by then or don't hear from you regarding what you need, one of us in the front office will be contacting you because we really want your family with us next year and in the remaining years to come. Once you sign and return your contract, please know that although we take tuition contracts seriously because this is what guides us in planning for the coming school year, we also truly understand the current situation. Due to Covid-19 uncertainty, cancellation of tuition contracts will be handled on a case by case basis.

PLEASE let us know through an email to Mary Ellen LaRose, maryellen@stjoevanschool.org, or Eileen Sherrill, eileens@stjoevanschool.org, if you need assistance. We are so grateful to have the additional donations to pass on to those who need them. We are in this together and we will do whatever we can to help you all remain part of our St. Joe family.

Blessings,

Mary Ellen LaRose, Principal

Kathy Lundy, Principal 2020-2021