

April 9, 2020

Dear Pike Family,

I hope your first week of distance learning is going well. I know it's a big adjustment for all of us. Our administration and teachers have worked hard to ensure our students are continuing to receive instruction and complete their curriculum standards for the school year.

I wanted to make you aware that statements will be going out next week. Our financial officer and Comptroller have been at work so that we can offer **online bill pay options** and consolidated invoices to make payments more convenient. Please see the attached for details.

The Foundation Board recognizes these unprecedented times have brought some financial uncertainty to our families. In spite of a previously adopted plan to incrementally raise tuition, the *board voted last week to freeze tuition* at the current rate for the 2020-2021 school year.

Additionally, we also voted to *extend early family registration discount to July 15* so that our families would have more time to take advantage of the savings.

It is important to recognize that while our learning environment looks very different, our mission has not changed. Our teachers are continuing to provide quality instruction and being accessible for support to our students, even as they work from home.

We are privileged to have the technology and talent to keep our students on track so that they will be prepared to start their next grade level without compromising our curriculum or academic standards. I hope you will agree that the level of energy and effort our administration and faculty has put forth makes us all proud to be a Patriot!

While many schools are relying on parents to use packets to homeschool, unable to introduce new concepts and/or unable to mandate measurable progress, we are fortunate to have our teachers steadily providing instruction and resources through our distance learning program.

Your tuition dollars provide our payroll, allow us to order software and textbooks for the upcoming school year, pay for the maintenance and repair of our buildings and grounds, and overall keep our school safe, attractive and prepared to give campus tours and receive students back on campus as soon as we are allowed.

Please note the following contacts for any questions that you might have:

- Financial Statements & Payments- Stephanie Sowell, Comptroller, bookeeper@pikelib.com
- Online support- Jeremy Matthews, Technology Coordinator, tech support@pikelib.com
- K4-6th grades- Angie Grice, Assistant Headmaster, <u>agrice@pikelib.com</u>
- 7-12th grades- Eric Burkett, Headmaster, <u>eburkett@pikelib.com</u>

* As always, for a class assignment question, please contact your child's teacher first.

Mr. Burkett remains accessible at eburkett@pikelib.com or 334-662-7917 (cell).

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your extended patience and support. Times like these confirm that the Pike Family is dedicated to supporting one another. We continue to pray that your family is safe and healthy.

Thank you,

John Henderson Chairman, PLAS Foundation Board of Trustees