MMS FIVE PROMISES

Dear MMS Families,

At some point, this will be over. When it is, may we reflect on the many ways we rose as a school community to work effectively through the pressures and demands of this time, together. In keeping with our mission to serve students and families, we at MMS are making **five promises to you for the 2020-2021 school year**:

1. **We are prepared to extend the 2020-2021 school year into next summer, 2021, to maximize in-person learning for all levels.**
- This widens the window for on-campus, in-person learning with our faculty, should sheltering-in-place be required again at any point next school year.

2. **We will offer summer care and programming for Primary and Elementary students, when it is deemed safe this summer, 2020. This care and programming will be complimentary.**
- Students will be able to come back together for socialization and engagement.
- Parents will have options for relief and reprieve, without added financial burden.
- Junior High students will be invited to participate in supportive roles.

3. **We will leverage our resources to continually refine the ideal distance learning program for each level.**
- In addition to working with distance-learning consultants and coordinating with field experts, we are preparing a series of parent outreach and education opportunities and support mechanisms connected to helping families, should distance learning be required again next school year.

4. **We will be ready to meet our students where they are.**
- Extended periods of isolation can be difficult, and children do not learn effectively when they feel anxious or afraid. We will integrate appropriate social and emotional support to best equip students' engagement in learning for when they return to the classroom.

5. **We will work individually with families who have experienced a change in their financial capacity to keep their children at MMS.**
- Reach out to Deb Snyder, Director of Finance, at dsnyer@marinmontessori.org, directly for a confidential conversation.
- Consider whether Tuition Insurance could be helpful. Contact Deb to learn more.

We are looking forward to seeing you, and all of our students, back on campus as soon as possible. Until then, be well, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sam Shapiro, Head of School & Courtney Smith, Board Chair