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Dear Waverly families,

Though it's been just four days since we moved to learning remotely, it *is* Friday, and I wanted to give everyone a great big virtual hug for getting through this week. We all have been undergoing a storm of change on so many fronts.

I am proud of and grateful to our teachers, who over the weekend pulled together plans and tools to engage students in learning. With each day, teachers, staff, and administrators are creating opportunities for students to connect and recapture the sense of interaction that is central to Waverly's approach to learning. More is to come as we all gain and apply new skills. I want to commend our amazing students, who have responded beautifully, and, of course, I want to thank our families for their patience, flexibility, and support. While not easy, we are making great progress; at the end of all this, I can already see that unexpected good things will come of these tumultuous times.

Meanwhile, some parts of Waverly life go on as usual. While learning is happening virtually, the costs of running the school remain decidedly concrete: few, if any, of our expenses will lessen. As a result, those who pay tuition monthly will continue to receive invoices at the first of the month, with payments due on the 5th. The business office is working to determine where costs will decrease (e.g., pizza lunch and field trips) and will credit previous payments for those items to tuition.

As a community, Waverly is composed of people with a variety of resources and circumstances. In these difficult, unpredictable times, each of us can be affected differently; day-to-day life will likely be harder for some of us than others. We have the resources amongst us to help each other:

- If you need help or support in addressing a hardship, please reach out to [me](#), [Jason](#), or [Joel](#).
- If you can and want to provide support to others, please let me know.

We are temporarily without our accustomed physical connection, but we are yet a community, with a great capacity for and commitment to helping each other.

I cannot thank *everyone* enough for your efforts, your kindnesses, and your commitment to the Waverly community.

With gratitude,

Heidi Johnson
Head of School