April 20, 2020

Greetings Highlanders,

As many of you are already aware, this past weekend, Florida Governor DeSantis announced that K-12 schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. His decision has brought final resolution to questions about whether LHPS would gather as a community on campus again during the 2019-2020 school year… we will not. Beyond cancelling all classroom and co-curricular activities, this decision also impacts many traditional on-campus, year-end celebrations, and for that, we are indeed heartbroken.

That all said, for the rest of this academic year, we will be using our Learning Continuity Plan. Our dedicated faculty and staff remain committed to ensuring that we provide an academically engaging and challenging experience for your children. We hope your student(s) both achieve and feel a sense of accomplishment by year’s end, and have an excitement to return to campus to see their teachers and reunite with peers this fall.

Please know that we are busy exploring alternative event plans to honor our students’ accomplishments and to celebrate important milestones, even if they must take on a different format than in previous years. In concert with our state’s and community’s return to normalcy efforts, we are thoughtfully planning and preparing to carefully execute various celebratory events. Once we have finalized these plans, we will communicate specific information to you, and whether they will occur in person or remotely.

At this point, I am pleased to announce the following decisions regarding several year-end activities. More will be scheduled, but this is what we can confirm today.

- May 1, 2020: Charter Member Luncheon
- May 2, 2020: Senior Day Parade
- May 20, 2020: 8th Grade Graduation
- May 28, 2020: Kindergarten Graduation
- May 29, 2020: Baccalaureate Celebration
- May 30, 2020: LHPS Commencement

Again, additional events and specific details on these listed events, including the time, place, and event structure, will be forthcoming as we work to ensure full compliance with the best medical practices, legal guidelines, and common sense. Finally, we are also assessing all of our planned summer programs and will have more information for you by the end of this week.

Lake Highland Preparatory School has been an integral part of our beautiful city for 50 years, and we will continue our educational excellence and strong community partnership in the future. We will weather these difficult times and emerge even stronger and more resilient as we continue preparing students for college, lifelong learning, and consistent success as responsible and caring citizens.

On behalf of all Lake Highland Faculty and Staff members, thank you for partnering with and supporting us as we traverse these uncertain and challenging times.
Warmest regards,

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