



April 1, 2020

Dear Sunrise Community,

I hope you are all faring well! First, I would like to express how grateful I am to be part of the Sunrise community. The parent support for our school continues to pour in daily. The teachers are working hard to adjust to a new teaching format in order to provide the best educational support for your children, and the members of the Board of Directors are working tirelessly on solutions that best support the Sunrise community.

As you know, Governor Baker and the Department of Early Education and Care has mandated all public, private and non-essential early childhood programs to remain closed through the end of April. Sunrise's Board of Directors tele-conferenced yesterday to continue our discussions and to develop a plan for our school. With an anticipated reopening on Monday, May 4th, the school year will extend until at least July 10th. Additionally, we have cancelled the Summer Program option and the annual May Spring Fair event. The members of the board will continue to collaborate regularly, as we are aware of the ongoing, developing nature of the COVID-19 concerns and the affects thereof.

The decision was made to continue staff compensation during this time away from school. The Head Teachers will continue providing their students with videos and lessons which are now accessible through the YouTube links they have created. The Sunrise Facebook page will continue to provide daily and/or weekly videos to participate in, created by both the Assistant Teachers and our Music Teacher. As a Montessorian, I recognize that this format is not ideal or typical, however it is the best alternative for continuing our school and family connection!

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. May each of you stay hopeful and healthy!

Best regards,
Andrea

"If education is protection to life, you will realize that it is necessary that education accompany life during its whole course." Maria Montessori