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Dear Friends of The Hagedorn Little Village School,

After much consideration and with public safety as our top priority, I am writing to inform you of our decision to postpone our upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration scheduled for March 28. While the anticipation for our special event has been on the minds of many, we believe that this decision is imperative and in the best interest of our entire community.

I appreciate the diligence of our Gala Committee and their guidance as we have thoughtfully considered this situation for the past several days. While we greatly value time together to celebrate The Hagedorn Little Village School (HLVS) and our impact on the special needs community of Long Island, we have a moral obligation to follow the recommendations of government and health officials. For that reason, we recognize that convening a large group of people in one place is not the right or practical thing to do at this time.

It is our intent to reschedule our event for this fall. We have already been in contact with our venue, The Heritage at Bethpage, and appreciate their understanding of this extraordinary circumstance. Additionally, the Midtown Men and Joe Piscopo are in full support of our decision and are committed to taking part in our celebration at a later date.

We apologize for any inconvenience and greatly appreciate your understanding during this unprecedented time. We will provide an update on our new date in the coming weeks and look forward to building upon the great plans we already have in store.

For our guests who purchased tickets or sponsorships, we would like to offer one of the following options.

1. You may apply your ticket(s) and contribution to the rescheduled event in the fall;
2. You may elect to donate a portion of your contribution to HLVS as a tax-deductible gift; or



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3. You may receive a full refund.

Please email Jennifer.kirincic@littlevillage.org of your desired option.

This announcement comes with our sincerest thanks for your support of Little Village. We wish you and yours healthy days ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you again for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Feingold', written in a cursive style.

Jon Feingold, PhD
Executive Director