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Dear Horizons Students and Families:

Thank you for your patience and persistence during this challenging time. We are grateful for your trust and support!

The confirmed number of COVID-19 cases remains high in Alabama. Our Board of Directors endorsed a Plan to Resume Campus Operations emphasizing student and staff safety.

We anticipate resuming on-campus instruction and residential support for Fall 2020 in August. Our plan will be responsive to latest guidance from the federal and state government, state and local health officials.

Our Board has approved a **15% reduction of tuition** for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-year students who are enrolled during the Summer 2020 Term. For those who have pre-paid Summer tuition, we welcome consideration of a tax-deductible donation and will send donor acknowledgement upon request.

We recognize the differences of virtual learning versus campus-based instruction. For some students it is difficult to maintain effort when working independently. We want to actively engage with our students! Therefore, a majority of Summer 2020 courses will be **scheduled in real-time** each morning. There will be afternoon opportunities for advising, tutoring, sharing information and referrals. Watch for a new class schedule to be shared, soon. Encourage your student to contact instructors with specific questions and needs.

The Scholarship Committee will meet in June to review applications for assistance and recommend student financial aid for the 2020-21 academic year. Each applicant will be notified soon after this meeting.

The **Horizons School 2020 Commencement** will be held as a virtual ceremony on July 31. We will individually recognize each graduate, celebrate all achievements, welcome a keynote speaker, and share social media promotion. Families will be invited to view the ceremony together, hosting “watch parties” in their homes.

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Future updates will provide more information about the 2020-2021 Academic Year, registration and housing. Until then, students will continue paying shared rent and utilities according to their current annual lease, which expires on August 15, 2020.

We value each student and family and know you are working hard during a difficult time for our School and Nation. We are excited about welcoming students back to campus during the fall!

Sincerely,

Brian F. Geiger, Executive Director

Karen Dixon, Assistant Director