



July 6, 2020

Dear NHSP Families,

I hope that the first days of July have brought some relaxation and fun with safe and healthy family activities.

Fall Planning Update

In just over a week since our All-School presentation, we are in the process of updating our decision-making. Last week, I attended a Zoom meeting with the Pasadena Area School Heads and the Director of the Pasadena Public Health Dept. and obtained quite a bit of new information on the COVID situation as it pertains to schools and reopening. I also have two additional meetings this week, including one with LA County Public Health Dept., that will shed further light on our planning for Fall.

It is my intention to lead this school forward into the Fall of 2020 with some level of certainty while we live in an uncertain world. It is also my intention to communicate certainty to families when this is almost an impossibility. We have learned all too well that there are factors that are beyond our control and which have a critical impact on our ability to make decisions for our school.

So, while we have received "guidance" from the State of California, LA County, and City of Pasadena on reopening, we have not received their decision to allow schools to actually reopen and may not receive this decision until some time in August. We can plan for reopening, but we also have to be planning for other likely and viable scenarios based on official directives that may come, as stated in the June presentation. Also, bear in mind, that different cities and counties in California, as well as other states and countries, will be rolling out different reopening scenarios for schools that are based on their specific local health data and official guidelines. We will be following, as stated above, State of California, LA County, and the City of Pasadena.

Thus, in order to offer greater clarity and avoid any confusion as we move through these days of summer, please look for our **NHSP 2020-2021 Learning Plan** that we hope to complete by **late July** OR as soon as we have all the information necessary to provide a plan for our September 1 school start date.

Tuition Payments 2020-2021

As you know, in January, the NHSP Board had approved a new tuition model that would be all-inclusive with no separate school fees (except for optional extended care, after-school clubs and classes, and class trip fees). With the approval of this new model, it was also approved to start tuition billing in July. Due to the current pandemic, we are providing

some flexibility this month with your payments to be withdrawn by July 15. Families will be receiving an email from the Business Office this week providing an invoice and the date for withdrawal as well as information about billing going forward.

Thank you for your patience and for your commitment to New Horizon School Pasadena as we work towards a safe and effective learning model for the coming school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amira Al-Sarraf". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

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Head of School