

April 20, 2020

Parents,

First, let me begin by saying how much we miss all of our students! We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. We are extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility, and resilience during these trying times.

In a continuation of our caution due to the coronavirus pandemic, and ongoing concern for the best interests of our students and staff, the Hillcrest Baptist School Committee decided to proceed with distance learning for the students for the remainder of this school year. This coincides with the decisions made by the Richmond County School Board for distance learning.

Students' academic success, health, safety, and well-being are our top priorities. As you know, distance learning for Hillcrest is in full motion. Our goal is to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students through May 22, 2020.

Your student's teacher will continue to provide your child with materials to work on at home and will be available if you need them. Middle grade teachers will continue to post online assignments, and Elementary teachers will create additional instructional packets and/or send home the students' workbooks to complete. You will have the opportunity to pick up the instructional materials from the school on April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. If you are unable to come during those available times, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time to pick up the materials.

As relates to tuition and other charges, the Hillcrest Baptist School Committee has determined that credits will be issued as follows:

- For the month of May, you will NOT be charged for Facility Fees, Laptop Insurance Fees, K4 Lunch Fees or Extended Care Expenses
- You will also receive a 50% credit toward your May tuition

It is our hope these credits will assist you in bringing your child's account current (if you are past due). Tuition payments can be made online or mailed. If you have any questions or need to arrange to pay tuition, please email [Hillcrest 30@comcast.net](mailto:Hillcrest30@comcast.net).

We understand the challenging times and uncertainty you may have around our evolving situation, and we are committed to being supportive and responsive.

As we all face the coming days, we encourage you to continue to follow the Covid-19 guidelines that have been laid out. We continue to pray that you and your family will be safe and well. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to resuming full operations in the fall.

In Christ's Love,

Ms. C. Portis, Principal

Courtney Logue, Chairman

Hillcrest Baptist School Committee

