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## VPS Community:

I hope this email finds everyone remaining safe and healthy, while enjoying our Distance Learning Program!

The last thing on everyone's mind these days may be registering for the 2020-21 school year. Nevertheless, it is that time of year! Re-enrollment contracts were distributed to all families in late February. If you did not receive yours, please inform Mrs. Johnson (kjohnson@vpredlands.org).

During these difficult economic times, we don't want to lose any families due to financial hardship! So, please know that we are here to help! Valley Prep is financially secure and prepared to get-thru the difficult months that lie ahead! Accordingly, if you are struggling to pay the \$1000 registration fee, please don't hesitate to let me know. We can certainly make arrangements!

In addition, we will be increasing our allocation of **Tuition Assistance** for the 2020-21 school year by more than 50%, thereby enabling us to provide support for more families (last year we were able to provide support for twenty-three families). To qualify, you must complete the online application thru SMART-aid (<https://smartaidforparents.com/#/login>) before May 8. Please be sure to submit all required documents to ensure your application is complete. Then, log-in to confirm that the status of your application is "verified." Families will be notified of tuition assistance decisions in late May. If you are currently receiving support, you must reapply. In the future, we are hopeful of "locking-in" approved families for three years (i.e. you wouldn't need to reapply every year). However, annual applications will be required until current economic conditions improve.

Finally, you are likely hearing lots of news about schools re-opening nationwide. Valley Prep fully expects to begin regular classes on-campus in August. If schools are allowed to operate during the Summer, then we will endeavor to hold our planned Summer Camp for two weeks in early July (if staffing and enrollment allows). We are currently developing **Safety Guidelines** to implement once the campus re-opens, to better-ensure the safety of the children and staff.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Best regards**  
**John Black, Head of School**