



## LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE GIFTED

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Dear Parents:

May 8, 2020

It was nice seeing so many families on the Zoom call and the Miss You Parade last week. I appreciate all of your support during this public health crisis. Here are some updates since last week:

Regardless of what the future holds, we will continue our online program with the same rigor. Being prepared is what made our current online program successful and we have not taken our foot off the accelerator. Now is the time to continue planning for the future and be ready for whatever it may bring.

We have drafted several contingency plans for the future, and although I am not sure which plan we will use, we will be ready. Financially, know that we have not seen any savings and, in fact, there have been some increasing costs because we are already preparing a school opening. We have already purchased much of the necessary safety equipment needed to open school when it is safe. Items include but are not limited to masks, gloves, plexiglass, thermometers, tape, and signage.

Many of you have asked the specifics of an opening in September along with any modifications to tuition. If online learning is extended beyond September, we will adjust the tuition rate based on the cost it takes to operate our school. My hope is to have all of these answers in July after we watch the world slowly reopen. As you know, however, Governor Cuomo will eclipse any decisions made by local schools. Additionally, please know that all options are being reviewed, including a *possible* choice to continue *an option* of virtual learning even if the children return to the building.

Several schools will face more challenges than LISG. The average class size on Long Island is 25, therefore social distancing will be difficult. We have small class sizes and simply separating desks will provide the necessary requirement. Also know that we are purchasing Vending Machines for the cafeteria in lieu of cafeteria service. Healthy snacks and drinks will be available from the machines which eliminates food service concerns. I will work with the Parents' Association to have special meal delivery days (pizza, bagels, etc.) Distancing the cafeteria is easy and lunch schedules can be altered if needed.

We have had many visitors over the month because of our online program of real teachers, real schedules, real time. Families want synchronous learning and not just assignments posted. Word of mouth marketing is one of the most effective ways to increase enrollment and social media is another. Social media has a large reach so please post your positive messages on Google Reviews. If you are uncomfortable signing your name, simply state that you are a parent and name the grade of your child.

Our final day of school is Friday, June 12. However, there are many events that will be happening before the end! A tentative list of events for May and June is attached to this email.

Lastly, I know you are interested in picking up your belongings. We are finalizing a safe schedule and will send the specifics next week.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all good health and a wonderful, relaxing weekend! Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely,  
**Pat Geyer**