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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School. We are so pleased that you are a part of our vibrant and diverse community of parents, students, teachers and staff. Below is information for you to complete the enrollment process for 2020-2021.

Tuition for 2020-2021

Each year we review and adjust tuition levels to take into account the impact of inflation on operational costs. Our goal is to strengthen enrollment, retention, and fundraising so that tuition increases can be held at a minimum.

Along with parent involvement, and strong collaboration with the development department, fundraising continues to play an essential role in financially supporting the life of the school and our commitment to diversity. Despite a slight drop in enrollment this year, our Tuition Adjustment allocations have increased. We also continue to focus on operating the school as cost effectively as possible without negatively impacting the quality of our students' education.

As we enter a new decade, it is a moment for the School to renew its commitment to the next 100 years of Waldorf education, to providing the children of our future with the skills and capacities our world needs. In the coming year, we will continue to develop and implement improvements to our curriculum and organization, and to invest in targeted faculty professional development that aims over time to increase student numbers and to offer the rich, age-appropriate integrated curriculum we are known for and proud of.

Taking into account the above context and the current rate of inflation, the tuition fees for 2020–2021 will increase an average of 2.5%.

Our Request to you is:

In our efforts to make 2020-2021 as successful a year as possible, our request to you is:

- PLEASE RETURN your signed enrollment contract and related forms as soon as possible and definitely not later than the expected deadline. Without confirmation of your commitment, it is impossible to fully and accurately plan staffing, programming, etc., for next year.
- Please help the school to become more financially sustainable and better able to support our talented and dedicated teachers upon whom we all rely by contributing full tuition, if you have the means to do so. **If you are a returning family and received**

an adjusted tuition for the 2019-2020 school year and would like to be sent a full tuition contract for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact [Amy Flaum, aflaum@hawthornevalley.org](mailto:aflaum@hawthornevalley.org).

- If you can pay more, please consider it. We are intentionally keeping our tuition rates as low as possible. We live in a world of economic diversity and we hope that those who have been fortunate will consider making an additional financial contribution. This gift will be a charitable deduction and can reduce the current deficit, support new applicants' needs, meet the challenges facing families with changing circumstances, and pay for program improvements.

Our commitment to you is:

- To continue to work in collaboration and partnership with the HVA Board and school PTA to improve our processes and communication.
- To provide the school community with clear information about the school's operating budget.

Contract season dates

- Full Tuition Contracts - will be sent out on February 1, 2020, and are due back by March 1, 2020.
- Tuition Adjustment Applications – fully completed applications submitted through www.Tads.com are due by March 1, 2020.
 - Please find the links to TA information, instructions, and forms as needed on the school website

TA process for New families:

- New applicants are encouraged to begin the on-line application at any time during the application process via this link www.mytads.com.
 - Please note: submitted TA applications may not be able to be reviewed until after the school application and acceptance process is complete.
- The Family and School Covenant of Financial Need should be completed prior to your TADS application.
- You will be required to submit to TADS your complete 2019 tax returns, personal and business if applicable. If your taxes are still in process you will be required to submit them as soon as they are available. Submit your general TADS application and upload your taxes later.
- Contracts will be sent out within three weeks of the TA application submission provided all required documents have been submitted.
- Signed contracts with deposits are due back to the school within three weeks of receiving them.

We are deeply grateful for the efforts and sacrifices that parents make to ensure a Waldorf education for their children. As we all prepare for another enriching and vibrant year at the school we trust our efforts in this Valley are a worthy long-term enterprise. Thank you for your support and good will.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Frosch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Frosch".

Michael Frosch
School Director