



**LONG TRAIL SCHOOL**  
VERMONT'S INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SCHOOL



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Dear LTS Family,

You are in our hearts and minds as we respond to the changing world caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yesterday, Governor Scott issued an [Executive Order](#) ordering all Vermonters to stay at home, with exceptions for essential activities, through Wednesday, April 15. This latest order will **extend our distance learning delivery to at least Monday, April 21**, as we are on “Spring Break” the week before.

We thank our faculty for changing the tires while the car is going 80 miles per hour, to foster meaningful learning and sustain connections. Our students are adjusting remarkably to conditions they never imagined. We also recognize, however, the distress the present circumstances are imposing upon our families. The uncertainty within this moment is significant – but no match for the greatness of a community that cares for one another.

To support our community, we are waiving any late fees for scheduled tuition payments in March and April. Through Beth, Courtney, and Kim, we are supporting LTS families we know (through free or reduced lunch qualification) are at risk of food insecurity. We sincerely invite your suggestions about other ways that LTS can serve you and our community. We have donated food to a local food drive. We will continue to assist both Manchester and Rutland food pantries. If you need childcare, food or housing help, please reach out confidentially to Katie (802.770.9220; [kredding@longtrailsschool.org](mailto:kredding@longtrailsschool.org)) or to me. We will do our best to guide and assist you.

Some families who did not expect to do so may now need financial aid because of a change in circumstances. This hardship may pertain to our forthcoming 2020-21 school year or to the remainder of this school year. Our financial aid process treats each family individually and respectfully, and maintains confidential information carefully.

If you are seeking tuition assistance for the first time, please apply in TADS as soon as possible. Please ignore any notice on TADS that the deadline has passed. We will speedily evaluate your application.

If you have already applied for financial aid and would like to amend your application due to changes in your circumstances, please contact TADS Family Support. The modification process begins over the phone with one of the TADS professionals.

TADS Family Support Hours: Mon–Fri 8 am – 9 pm Eastern

Phone: 612.548.3320

Toll-free: 800.477.8237

If you have questions about financial aid, please reach out confidentially to Katie or to Patti ([pnisco@longtrailsschool.org](mailto:pnisco@longtrailsschool.org)).

Thank you, as always, for your patience, your strength, and your resilience. We are highly confident that we will emerge from these challenges stronger than ever, with the grace and courage that befits Mountain Lions!

With gratitude,  
/s/ Seth Linfield  
Head of School