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Dear Parent/Guardian,

These are challenging times and we are happy to be partnering with you in the care and education of your young man. We will be doing all that we can to make sure the greatest amount of learning and academic progress takes place in the safest and more reasonable way possible. The small size of our school allows us to more likely to manage a number of issues that become more concerning and problematic for the larger schools. We are always ready to talk and plan with you. Never hesitate to reach out. We are partners in educating your young man.

No more than 25 students will ever attend our Providence Campus school. With 10 classroom/instructional areas, you can see small grouping will be easily accomplished throughout the day. In addition to our teachers and principal, two or three other staff members or administrators are always around to assist students individually and safely. We have taken seriously the cleaning and sanitizing of our facilities each day using multiple repetitive approaches for the best outcome. We will also have specific practices and protocols we will do throughout the day in addition to encouraging each other in the best COVID prevention strategies.

We use a wide variety of teaching methods and approaches in our regular day to day instruction and teaching to help our young men be successful. Last spring, we added use of distance learning and technology to our methods, We plan to continue to use the best methods of learning available given the facts and circumstances of each situation, applied to the context of our small school environment. We will keep you posted about plans and options as they develop.

Ocean Tides school is modeled on a relationship-based approach to caring for and teaching young men in partnership with their parents. We remain available to you at any time as we together navigate this coming school year. We are pleased to have you as part of our community. Enclosed are some other materials to help you prepare you for the coming school year at Ocean Tides Providence Campus.

Respectfully,

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