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Dear Parents,

We continue to be amid one of the scariest and saddest times we have ever had to experience on this planet. Some of you have been impacted by this virus in some cases directly, by having someone in your household ill, or indirectly by having a family member ill. Others have had family members lose the battle against the virus and have suffered a tremendous loss. Our hearts and deepest sentiments are with you and your family.

What we have is hope, humanity and each other. We hear of acts of kindness and concern for others. We see creativity in helping each other deal with this. It seems that social distancing is working as well as other measures we are all taking, so our hope of returning to some type of normalcy is growing. We certainly look forward to returning to our sites and seeing all of you and the children again.

At Bloomingdale, the staff are continuing to reach out to you and finding different ways to communicate with you and your child. Please let them know what needs you may have, and we will do our best to support you. Our website resources for you and the children continues to grow regularly so do visit the site and look at the special tab that is there for you.

In a previous letter to you I mentioned that we were losing some of our disabilities staff due to loss of funds. That is still the case, but they have volunteered to continue to remain in contact with you and your children to help get us through this pandemic. I am incredibly grateful to them for their generosity and act of kindness. We are continuing to search for funds to support this especially important part of our program.

I want to thank all of you for remaining in contact with staff and for your flexibility in doing so. We appreciate and understand that in some instances it may be a bit of a challenge. Let staff know and we will work it out. Stay safe and be well. We are here for you.

Sincerely,

José Velilla
Executive Director