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1910 Justin Ln. 78757 (512) 459-0258 Fax (512) 467-1824 Dear Valued Families,

It seems relevant to share with you that on March 27, 1964, I was a young girl living in Anchorage, Alaska and experienced the largest earthquake ever recorded in the Northern Hemisphere. At 9.1 on the Richter scale, for four minutes on Good Friday at 5:30 pm, the earthquake shook most of southern Alaska. The experience was formative as the city lost all electricity, running water, transportation, and no school for approximately six weeks. Even more formative was the overwhelming experience of people joining their efforts to provide community support, care, confidence in the future and love to one another! Voices of hope rang through short wave radios encouraging, supporting, and optimizing the spirit which became the protocol for the community.

Here we are today, Stepping Stone School 2020 and the same values apply. During this time of challenge, I wish for each of you to know that while the water is rocky, the ship is steady. We have fully committed ourselves to the safe care and re-assuring education for each of your children, our families, our teachers and our administration! To ease our children's anxieties, we are maintaining our traditional happy events like egg hunts and visits from the Bunny (our administrators will be in costume).

All health and safety protocols are in full operational mode each and every day. Our incredible leaders and teachers who are serving you are doing so with complete urgency to the matters at hand. I could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

As you know, we have been designated as an Essential Service and the number of first responders, police, EMS, medical, grocery and pharmacy service providers at Stepping Stone School is incredible. We hear daily how appreciative they are knowing their children were being well cared for while they perform essential services.

**Thank you** for your hundreds of supportive emails, your emotive support, your kind words, and the treats you have bestowed on the teachers and administrators. You cannot imagine how much this means to our educators!

We have shared our **at-home curriculum** with each of you to implement in any fashion or format that might support your family. Those of you who are with us daily are also encouraged to utilize this as you choose. We will be adding daily Zoom sessions from each of our classrooms so the children who are at home can see their teachers, friends and join in some of the classroom fun. We will provide you with details on how to tune into the Zoom sessions as soon as we have them up and going.

We remain honored and prepared to serve each of you and in full concert with compliance, protocol, optimism, laughter and love. Such a community I have never seen! **You are never alone. We are here.** God bless and stay well.

Ronda Paver, M.A.

Founder and Executive Director