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Dear MDO Families:

I wanted to reach out to provide an update on the St. Paul Mother's Day Out program. Over the last several weeks the MDO re-opening team has met several times to discuss our plans for the upcoming school year. At our last meeting this past week, we made the difficult decision to postpone our reopening until January 2021. This was an extremely difficult decision for St. Paul Mother's Day Out, but in light of these unprecedented events we feel that this is the best decision for our children and families.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 cases are on the rise in our community. Our primary focus is the safety and health of our children and families, teachers and staff. With continued concerns over sanitization and controlling the spread of infection, and our ability to obtain the recommended supplies to ensure the safety of everyone, we know that this is the best decision for MDO at this time. Current CDC guidelines recommend that all individuals wear masks when indoors, or outdoors when not able to maintain social distancing and we understand the difficulties in administering these types of guidelines for children in our age groups at St. Paul's Mother's Day Out.

In addition to these concerns, we have had a significant drop in registration due to concerns over Covid-19. Our permanent helpers have also been impacted by some school districts hybrid learning schedules and remote learning and our staff has also been impacted by these decisions.

St. Paul's Mother's Day Out will reevaluate the schedule with the reopening team in mid-October. Our plan is to notify families about reopening no later than November 10th. I want to thank all of you in advance for your patience and understanding.

For those Families that have already paid tuition for the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide several options for your current tuition fees:

- St. Paul's Mother's Day Out can hold your tuition and apply it towards reopening
- We can refund any tuition that has been paid
- You can donate any tuition that has been paid toward MDO special projects to fund capital improvements and program updates

If we do not reopen for the 2020-2021 school year we will refund any registration fees and or tuition that has been paid for the school year or you may apply to the following school year.

During this time, we plan to continue to interact with our families and children and make improvements to the program. Please know that this is a decision that we did not take lightly and our number one priority is keeping our children and families safe and healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at anytime.

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