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Dear SCA Families,

The past few months have been quite a rollercoaster at Smithson Craighead Academy (SCA); filled with many questions, concerns, and uncertainty. Just as it has been for the city of Nashville, the state of Tennessee, the United States, and our world. I am sure many of you share the same feelings. Everything we have known and become accustomed to has changed and as our daily lives have reached a new normal, our practices as a school have to keep up with the new demands placed upon us all as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In short, this year will be different from any other year we have ever experienced.

After Spring Break, our team successfully launched a remote learning path to complete the second semester. We have since built upon that path and added a more robust plan to begin the 2020-21 school year. We are uniquely positioned to implement this learning opportunity because, so many of you helped facilitate our plans this spring at home. We ask that you come alongside us to make this crucial year a success for our Eagle Scholars again. If you need help understanding your role within this process, we are here to help.

The safety of our students, families, and staff is of the utmost importance to our team. It is my sincere hope that you have come to understand our heart for Smithson Craighead Academy and for all that enter our campus. For as much as we wish this could all go away, there is nothing we can do to eliminate all risk. Upon our full return, I am sure there will still be no risk-free solution. Most of the guidance from the CDC, Tennessee Department of Health, Tennessee Department of Education, and other sources is just that: guidance. Families should be aware of the inherent risk of being outside of the home during a pandemic. Our goal is to take the necessary precautions within reason to ensure safety, adjust routines, and utilize the guidance of the professionals that have given leadership to these efforts. We are also responsible for keeping you updated as we move forward into this uncharted territory. We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of your child and our staff members.

We want to hear from every SCA family as we finalize our plans. Please take the survey that was sent out via email if you have not done so already. We need your voice in the room as we make decisions. If you have any questions, please reach out to us via email at info@scanashville.org or call (615)228-9886.

Thank you again for trusting us with your child and their education. We love you, we believe in you, and there is absolutely, positively, nothing you can do about it!

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