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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Spring 2020**

### **How will we retrieve my child's belongings from the school?**

We will be setting up a time to do this in the safest manner possible around May 22 (last day of school). At this time, we will also be collecting iPads or Chromebooks and their chargers that were checked out to students for online learning. This will likely be in a scheduled, drive-by format so that no one is entering the school building other than our designated staff. If you are in need of an extended checkout for your school-owned devices, please let us know so that we can send you an extended borrowing agreement.

### **Will there be any sort of gathering at some point this summer to put closure on the school year?**

We would love more than anything to plan some type of an event to come together with our Summit family when it is deemed safe to do so. We will be paying close attention to mandates from our Governor to see if this will be a possibility.

### **How will graduation be celebrated/addressed?**

We are still determining the best way to celebrate our graduates and we will communicate this to you as soon as we have a plan. Please look forward to more information on this in early May.

### **Will we receive any refund from our Activity Fee?**

Yes. The activity fee will be prorated and reflected in May statements. If there are outstanding balances, the amount will be applied toward the amount owed. If there is no balance the amount will be either applied to the 2020-2021 school year or refunded if requested.

### **Will teachers be working one-on-one with students to connect, assess, and map out a plan to finish the school year in addition to group sessions?**

Yes. Teachers have been asked to schedule individual ZOOM calls with students/families that desire more individualized/personalized attention. If you are interested and/or in need of a more personalized approach, please reach out to your classroom teacher.

**How will the school transition students at the beginning of the new school year to make sure they have adequate time to meet grade level requirements?**

In addition to discussing with families the potential areas that students can focus on over the summer, all students will be assessed and placed in groups based on readiness levels upon return to school in the fall. Students will be able to move between groups (in classroom) or even between PODS if they are in need of further remediation or acceleration. Consideration is also being given to an early voluntary school start date in order to front fill some of the gaps in student learning. This is something that will be discussed at the Board of Trustees level in the month of May.

**Has Summit been successful in receiving any of the government funding that was offered? If so, will there be an adjustment to tuition for the last two months?**

Summit has secured funding from the federal Payroll Protection Program SBA loan. Summit has also applied for the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant Program and Tax Deferral but have not yet received confirmation. Both of these programs are tools to allow Summit flexibility to honor our commitments to our students, families, and staff for the remainder of the school year.

Regarding the 2019-2020 tuition, the State of Iowa Department of Education (DOE) has not canceled the school year, and school remains in session. Summit is continuing our dedication to providing independent, individualized instruction, meetups, and strategies to aid students and families with the new alternate method of learning. We look forward to the next five weeks of learning with Summit students.

For those that have chosen monthly payment plans, we appreciate your timely remittance of the remaining tuition.

**If this quarantine occurs again in the fall, what changes do you expect to be implemented that are different from this time (distance learning, tuition, workbooks, etc.) and has Summit been discussing this potential yet?**

It's hard to predict what the future holds. We are learning by fire and have done a very good job in spite of circumstances. We are continuously reviewing with our faculty on what is working well, and what we'd like to continue. We will also discuss the areas in which we'd like to improve. Plans to collect data and user input from families via survey is also highly likely. This information, combined with teacher input, will provide a clearer pathway for any changes to our distance learning platform.

**We previously signed up for the summer camps but things have dramatically changed. Will we be able to change or reduce our enrollment in a few weeks if we are not ready to send the kids in early June?**

Yes. All classes are refundable. That is a process that can start now if needed. Please contact Emily at [summercamps@summitschools.org](mailto:summercamps@summitschools.org)

**You mentioned a decision on summer camps would be released on May 15. If you decide to start summer camps late, will you continue the classes into August to make up for the time?**

Possibly. We have also been relieved of our fixed start date by the DOE, and can begin regular schooling as early as August 1st. We are unsure at this time if we will modify our academic calendar or extend our summer offerings. At this point, everything is still on the table.

**Will there still be a Fun Run this year?**

Yes! We will be having a Fun Run - Virtual Edition this year on Friday, May 8th. Watch for more details coming your way.