

March 19, 2020

Dear King David Parents (and future Parents),

On behalf of the King David Board of Directors and the entire staff of King David High School, we want to reach out and give our community a collective hug. These are difficult, uncharted, and to be honest, scary days as we head into the unknown of how long this situation will last. One thing for sure is that what is happening now is affecting each of us. Some of us worry for our elderly loved ones or other immuno-compromised family and friends becoming ill. Simultaneously, many are experiencing job losses or financial hardships that are unprecedented. People may find themselves in a situation where for the first time, they need support. We got you!

As we move through these next days and weeks, please, if you are in a situation where you are anxious about being able to make tuition payments that will start soon, just let us know. If you can make payments please do as we are still open and operational. In the coming days and weeks we will learn more about additional government support and we want to reassure you, you have a place at King David and you are part of our family. Every Jewish child is entitled to the high quality, caring education that we strive to provide and we do not want to lose one family for fear of being unable to pay their tuition. You have our word we will do our best and work with you – these are not normal times – this is an emergency and we do not wish a Jewish education to be a casualty to this crisis as it is too important for all of us in our community. We must be a light unto the nations, or in King David's case, to our local school community. Our Jewish Federation has also reached out to us to reassure us that they will be there for our Jewish Day School communities.

If I might take the liberty of sounding like a Jewish mother for a moment I would ask that all of you be safe, take good care, be kind, enjoy this family time and reach out to those in the community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who might need additional comfort at this time. To our first responders, doctors, nurses and other health or life-care professionals, please take that extra care to be safe.

If there is anything any of us at King David can do please reach out to us – we have staff and counselors who are willing and able to be there for you. We are all in this together and we cannot wait to see you in person to share more than a 'virtual hug'.

Be well.
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