



LOVEMUSTACT

Partnerships for Sustainable Education

Dear friends,

I am sorry to send yet another COVID-19 email into your life. I will try to be brief.

At the request of South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and in accordance with the policies we already had in place, the Holy Cross School will close as a coronavirus safeguard effective March 18, 2020 through the end of the Easter holiday (April 14, 2020). Reopening is subject to re-evaluation.

The spread of the virus is currently less severe in South Africa than it is in the United States. We are hopeful that this early action will have a positive result for our students and staff.

I want to share some concerns with you.

1. Student Well-Being

To be perfectly honest, the strategy of social distancing makes perfect sense to control the pandemic but may have unintended negative consequences for the Holy Cross children. We have found that isolation sometimes leads to abuse. We will continue to monitor the situation and consider steps necessary to protect our students and their families to the extent we possibly can. Remember that it is the student's family, not merely the student alone, we consider to be served by Holy Cross.

Food security is a secondary concern. Holy Cross School has not taken responsibility for feeding programs so our closure should not have a negative consequence. As the situation unfolds, however, we will be considering whether intervention from us would be helpful in making sure our families are well.

2. South Africa Staff

Our South African teachers and staff are continuing to be paid. We have no plans to do otherwise.

3. On-Going Funding

The stability of funding sources in the United States is at this point an unknown. We are on track with our plan to have applied for ten grants in the first quarter of this year and several more in April. Most are not due to make decisions until late summer or early fall. We will be continuing with this effort, including the constant search for new grant sources.

Frankly, we are just in uncharted territory here. First, we do not know how the economic downturn may have affected the availability of funds. Second, we do not know how social distancing policies may have affected when committees will make decisions.

Our proposed solution is to create a reserve fund of \$50,000 (enough to cover three months) that we can use in the short run and replenish as funds from budgeted sources become available. The idea is to create something of a “revolving” fund that allows us to meet immediate needs but is then replenished and available for future needs when cashflow realities require it.

4. The 100 Appeal

We are seeking 100 supporters to give an average of \$500 to meet this goal. We are trying to keep the amount low. We know everyone is living in uncertainty and already is trying to help on multiple fronts. We realize, of course, not everyone will be able to give \$500 beyond their normal giving. We are hopeful there others might be able to give more.

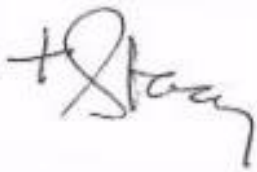
Might you be able to help? Gifts may be made through our [website](#) or by mail to:

Love Must Act, Inc.
c/o Bishop Stacy Sauls
PO Box 2343
Cashiers, NC 28717

We will be sure you know the latest as there as information to share.

Thank you so much for the responsive care you inspire in all of us.

Peace,



Bishop Stacy Sauls
Founder and President

We Have a New Postal Address

Please note that effective immediately our postal address has changed to:

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