From the Principal's Desk:

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from South City International School!

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times. A huge debt of gratitude also goes to all of our doctors, nurses, hospital employees, and our state leaders for all they are doing to keep us safe and healthy.

As you know, distance learning for South City International School is in full motion. Our goal is to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students while schools are closed but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also want to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees are enduring during this time.

Most leading schools in the city are giving only worksheets and no online classes for the Primary and middle sections, whereas, South City International School is having online classes from Tiny Tot to Class XII on a regular basis on all the subjects, even Dance, Music and Physical Exercise.

It is my humble appeal to you, as parents, is to support us and see that all the staffs are getting their salaries. Please remember Parents may come and go but the institution will remain only due to the goodwill of the majority of the parents. Please understand teachers are working for your children and continuing with their learning. During this time of crisis our office staffs are coming to school to prepare TCs and other clerical jobs. My secretary, the accountant and others are coming to handle these matters. They are also putting their lives in danger, to see that our parents' needs are fulfilled.

But at the same time, I would also like to inform you that there are a few parents who are creating unrest for others. Few disruptive parents want to disturb this harmony by instigating Non-Payment of fees and see that teachers do not get their rightful dues. I would request all to believe in the school and it's values.

Parents need to safe guard the best interest of the students for the future and support the school rather than pulling it apart based on what few parents who are instigating the others.

As you all are aware that we have not increased the fees in the last two years and therefore we decided to increase this year as all the expenses, overheads, staff salary and others have increased.

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But due to the pandemic Covid-19, the present scenario all over and the directives by the State Government we did not increase the fees. In effect we have reduced the fees from what we planned to what we are charging now. But yes we are in this together with the parents only for our students.

The school is an institution formed by the support of the parents for the children who love the school and the teachers. Teachers are stressed out managing everything from home despite all the odds coming up. One must understand that the future of our children is at the hands of the teachers. They are definitely under the microscope when their classes are observed not just by the students whom they love, but also by the adults who are trying to figure out how much they can understand through this online monitoring. It's not easy being a teacher handling the online live classes along with their own families to take care of and seeing that their students are well taken care of.

I humbly request you not to get carried away. I look forward to your support to see that the Institution lasts. At this moment of crisis, I can only appeal to your good self to support me in upholding the morale of our teachers who are tirelessly working for our students, who are the future of our country. Please don't be misled by a couple of individuals where are sprouting nothing but malice against the school.

We have no intentions of "Milking" the parents.

We have a lot of plans for the future of the school. It is your institution and during this time of crisis, we are there to support your children. Please do not destroy this fabric of trust.

Please do not destroy the goodwill that has been generated over these past 10 years by the parents and the teachers.

I pray that this period will pass but please remember the after effects will remain. Let us all remain positive and support our teachers in their noble work in teaching the children.

God bless us all.

Stay safe and stay home.

Jai Hind!

Warm regards,

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