

Dear Buist Families,

I hope you are settling into the second semester of the school year as we continue to march on through these extraordinary times. Despite 2020 challenges, it is clear that our Buist teachers and administration have done an exceptional job ensuring our children continue to have a safe and healthy school environment, whether in-person or virtually. They have spent countless hours to provide the best possible learning outcomes for our children this year, and I am truly grateful for their hard work and dedication.

While the 2020-21 year may not look like past years, needed support for academic programs and our teachers has not changed. As the head of the Foundation's fundraising efforts this year, I am asking you to consider supporting the school, if you have not already done so. We have 100% commitment for support from our Foundation Board members and we are counting on families like you to help us continue to fund our budget this year. The Board continues to work with Mrs. White to determine exactly what the evolving needs for our school are.

Thus far, we have spent nearly \$25,000 on online programming and teacher support and we know there will be additional needs going forward.

With the continued uncertainty of the remainder of the year, we don't know if we will be able to host any fundraising events this spring, which makes our Annual Fund efforts that much more important. It is the generous support from our parents and friends over the years that has allowed the Foundation to greatly expand and enhance many programs that support our teachers and students. These programs and expenditures that the Foundation supports on behalf of the school are what help make Buist such a special place for all of our students, teachers and families.

Please consider making a gift today to help us sustain and enhance our support for our students and teachers this year.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and you can donate online at: <a href="https://www.buistacademyfoundation.org">www.buistacademyfoundation.org</a> or send a check made out to the Buist Academy Foundation to the address below.

Thank you in advance for supporting Buist! Please feel free to contact me if you have questions and I look forward to keeping you up to date on the Foundation's work this year.

Sincerely,

Mollie Meares
Buist Foundation VP of Fundraising

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