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Dear Staff and Families of Elves,

Elves recognizes there are many stressors that our families and staff have been undergoing in relation to the COVID-19 crisis. We understand that recent announcements made by the Minister of Education and that are highlighted in the press, can enhance our overall feelings of concern.

We would like to assure Elves families that at this point, we are continuing to offer service to family units in the safest way possible as instructed by the provincial government, and confirm that the Elves team and Board of Directors is working towards solutions that will ensure the maximum amount of supports to staff as well, during these unprecedented times.

Elves, like other schools in Alberta, has received communications and updates from the Government of Alberta related to our funding and expectations for service delivery. As an Independent School, we also value the relationship that the government has had with the Association of Independents Schools of Alberta (AISCA) in supporting communications that advise decision making and operations stabilization. We will share further details with our families once all the information has been received and reviewed our Board of Directors.

We thank you for your strong support of our services and wish to reassure all Elves families that we value the relationships that have been developed over the years. While services are changing, we encourage you to reach out to the classroom teams for more targeted supports that can be customized to your family unit.

Sincerely,

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