

Dear Krieger Schechter Day School community,

With unending gratitude to the teachers, staff and administration for their deep commitment to the education of our children, and to you, the parents, for your dedication and perseverance in such trying times, we especially thank Rabbi Moshe Schwartz for his leadership of our community. We pause for a moment to share how the KSDS Board has responded to the COVID-19 crisis and to reflect on the road forward.

In its charge to support the school and its mission, we have worked to buoy the administration, faculty and families in any way that may be helpful. Our efforts have included creating engagement opportunities for parents, enrichment for students, enhancing communication between school and home, and celebrating our educators.

Moving forward, our charge is to work with the KSDS administration in order to guide our community as we maintain and grow our continuum of learning. Our students and teachers will resume learning together at the end of August. Like you, we are eager to return to in person learning and are planning for all possible scenarios. In collaboration with Chizuk Amuno and its other schools, we are studying what best meets the educational, health and safety, and financial needs of KSDS. Of course, the situation is highly fluid so we will communicate important updates with you as we are able.

Should you or your family be in need of the support of the KSDS community, please reach out so that we may connect you with the help that best serves you. Particularly should there be changes to your family's financial situation as a result of this crisis, please reach out to KSDS business manager Howard Richmond hrichmond@ksds.edu for guidance.

We know that this has been a time of fear, loss, grief and anxiety. But at KSDS, it has also been a time of resilience, collaboration, engagement and gratitude. Our wish is that, as individuals and as a school community, we will emerge with both sensitivity to what was lost, but especially with awareness for what was gained. As the KSDS class of 2020 sings, "*Kulanu po b'yahad/We're all in this together.*"

With wishes for your health and safety,

Jodi Moskowitz, KSDS Board Chair

Jenny Gamliel, incoming KSDS Board Chair

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