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Dear Parents:

A key principle of the Board of Trustees is its commitment to providing a Jewish education to all children and all families that wish to attend the school. Likewise, the Board of Trustees expects that all families will make the personal and financial commitments required to provide this education to their children.

Making the above commitments is not an easy task for any family. In fact, many families find it necessary to adjust their spending priorities, maximize parental earnings, and carefully manage their assets. Notwithstanding these efforts, some families still find that they require financial assistance to meet their financial obligations.

In order for the school to provide financial assistance, the Board of Trustees, school families, United Jewish Federation of NENY, and the broader school community dedicate many hours on a number of fundraising efforts to raise the money needed for financial assistance.

Once the Financial Assistance Committee engages in the process of allocating financial assistance, the overriding principle guiding the process is the need to ensure that the determination of financial assistance is made in an equitable, objective, and confidential manner.

In order to ensure a successful financial assistance process, open and honest communication is essential. Therefore, it is the Financial Assistance Committee's operating assumption that all families have been honest and candid in their disclosures and have accurately expressed their willingness and ability to pay their fair share of tuition. In return, the Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that no family ever feels that the actions of the Financial Assistance Committee demonstrate a lack of respect, courtesy, or confidentiality.

The Financial Assistance Application needs to be completed by families that are requesting financial assistance. The application needs to be completed in full and all items on the checklist must be submitted. **Please note that financial assistance applies to tuition only.** All other obligations, including registration fees, membership fees, building fund, and "Bonim" are to be paid in full.

All applications must be submitted by February 15, 2010. In an effort to equitably distribute financial assistance, applications will not be reviewed on a "rolling basis", but rather at one time. Therefore, families that submit applications after the deadline may receive less financial assistance than they may otherwise if their applications were received prior to the deadline.

I would like to express my sincere commitment to keep all financial information confidential and separate from your peers. Toward this end, the members of the Financial Assistance Committee will not be known to parents, the Board of Trustees, officers, or the administration.

Sincerely,

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