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Dear Parents,

As you plan ahead, we need to let you know that it is necessary for the AUELC to raise tuition for the next academic year. Since the last tuition increase in 2017, the cost to maintain high quality programming has steadily increased. Thus, the AUELC is in the process of receiving approval from the provost for a tuition increase to begin Fall 2020. If approved, tuition for the 2020-2021 school year will be \$3600 per year (\$400 per month).

The supply fee remains the same at \$100 per class per year. We ask that you pay that with your deposit once your child has been accepted into our program.

We will continue to offer our scholarship program for families in need of financial aid. Families are eligible if they meet the requirements for the US Governments Free Lunch Program. Those guidelines can be found at

<u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/notices/iegs/iegs.htm</u>. Generally between 1/4 and 1/3 tuition scholarships are granted to approved families. Each year the amount of scholarship money available is dependent on the amount we generate the prior year as we most often distribute all scholarship money each year.

We strongly believe in the quality of our accredited program and are committed to preserving its ability to strengthen and enhance your children's development and learning.

Sincerely,

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