March 29, 2020

Dear Seniors,

I hope you're all hanging in there during this difficult time. I know as seniors you undoubtedly have a lot on your mind as you think about all the ways this spring has played out so differently from what you were hoping as you imagined your senior year. Please know how much your Burroughs family is here to both support and celebrate you during this difficult time, even as we continue to navigate an uncertain path. I have to offer a shout-out to the girls lax team for their great video showing how they've exhibited teamwork and enthusiasm even in spite of our challenging circumstances. Thank you to the team for providing all of our community a model of hope and connection, two core beliefs I know we all especially value in this moment.

I wanted to reach out to all of you with a short update about May Projects, which as you know are scheduled to begin on April 28. I know some of you have likely received emails from your sponsoring organizations letting you know that they've had to suspend their volunteer programs in light of the present circumstances. I've certainly heard from a few organizations myself.   As I think we all understand, everyone is in a holding pattern.   As I've told those of you who have reached out to me, everyone should just sit tight: we well understand that you might not be able to volunteer as planned with the organization you've previously lined up. At this point you don't need to take action to identify any other possibilities. The situation is still very fluid, and of course it's not hard to imagine that there will be areas of need in St. Louis come May. At the same time, I want to reassure all of you that we'd never expect you to jeopardize your own health, or the health of your loved ones, or quite frankly the health of our community at large given the need for social distancing. Again, then, for now, just sit tight and know that we will figure it out.

As always, I'm here if you have questions or need help with anything. Be well!

All best,

Ms. Salrin