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Dear Talbot Park Preschool and Daycare Families,

Our school thrived this year! Thank you to parents and extended family who helped us in our efforts to mask up and quarantine when needed. As always, the safety of our children and our staff remain our number one priority.

Over the past three years, we have seen a significant increase in the operational costs of our program. One of the major contributors is the gradual minimum wage increase that was passed in the state of Virginia. This increase started in 2021 and we have begun implementing it during this time. We have worked hard to balance these cost increases with our commitment to keeping tuition costs affordable. Even when we had to close our program for a few months in 2020 during the beginning of COVID, we stopped tuition payments for families and used grant money to sustain our program instead. We have applied for and been awarded multiple grants over the past two years and have been able to use these funds to help offset increased operational costs.

However, it is clear that the grants alone will not sustain our current needs. In order to hire and retain the best staff and to remain competitive with other programs, we will raise tuition 10% across the board beginning in January 2023. You can see the new rates on the attached tuition forms. This is not a decision we take lightly and we wanted to announce it as soon as possible to give families time to plan.

This tuition increase is not an arbitrary cash grab. Talbot Park has been and will remain a not-for-profit ministry. We operate on a very tight margin. Please know that every cent we raise is re-invested in providing the best quality childcare for you and your family. That remains the core of our mission.

Even with these increases, we are still extremely competitive with other preschool rates in our area. However, if you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Our school is already full for next year and our staff is excited as we look forward to the days ahead. As always, we appreciate your support for Talbot Park Baptist Preschool and Daycare.