



December 17, 2020

To: Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Re: Request for Forgiveness of Rent for the Field School

Dear Supervisors,

The 2020-2021 school year has presented all of us a number of challenges we are tackling and solving. We are grateful to the offices of the various county officials who have been working with us.

The purpose of this letter is to request relief in the form of forgiveness of the rent for the outdoor areas where we have installed and are using tents during this academic school year. Currently, we are being charged the same rate per square foot that we are paying for our rent in the building. We are absorbing all of the costs related to the tents, their installation, and the power to them. The use of the outdoor-tented areas is important, as regularly indicated by the health department and medical authorities, and we have also made them available to other local groups when requested and not being used by us. The amount of rent that we are requesting relief from is \$20,466.60.

In light of the extraordinary demands being placed on all schools to start the school year, including the \$75,000 in capital investments we made in the facility to provide improved airflow, air conditioning, and air filtration, and given the nature of the spaces involved, forgiveness for the rental of the outdoor spaces would mean a lot to us and our Field School family.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Skipper", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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