



## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dear Warrior Families,

Allow me to start by wishing each family our very best in these trying and uncertain times.

Our primary mission as a Board, is to properly plan and care for the financial well-being of the Academy. I assure you that this is foremost on our minds. We understand how difficult it is for Academies such as ours to thrive; there are very few of us left in the United States. With this in mind, we have built sufficient reserves to guide us through future financial uncertainty. We are WARRIOR STRONG. To ease the burden of students in the coming academic year, we have frozen tuition at the 2019-2020 rates and we remain firmly committed to assisting all those in the Warrior Family with assistance, on a case-by-case basis. Janet Pullen, our Vice President of Finance and Operations, has over 30 years' of experience with private schools. Her professional abilities have no peer. She understands each situation is unique and she will shepherd you through the review process.

Our Board has been meeting twice a week for the last three and a half weeks and we plan to continue to do so given the constantly changing nature of the issues concerning the Academy. MG Bartell and his leadership team are fully engaged with your Cadets. Find me another school that not only focuses on your son's literature and math classes, but also insists that he makes his bed!

They also continue to innovate by soliciting feedback from the senior class, the parents, and other institutions such as ours. They are already considering the details of transitioning back to campus for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. One of the fine opportunities a private boarding school has to offer is that it has the ability to program and schedule to best suit the needs of the students. Our leadership is working on a transition period that allows for a period of time to review work from the Winter 2020 semester. As MG Bartell likes to remind us, "we own the day," and we intend to put it to good use to help our Cadets rocket into the new academic year.

We have a newly formed Board Committee starting the inquiry and oversight of our campus wide health initiative. This not only includes the increased attention on constant cleaning of the campus, but also the operations of our Health Department and campus wide health protocols. We will be reporting all of this to you prior to the new academic year. We have extraordinary talent and dedication on our Board. I'm so proud and so honored to serve with them.

I will continue to report out to you over the weeks to come.

**April 22, 2020**

We will persevere through this and emerge as a better version of ourselves. It is part of our DNA and that is why you have chosen to be a part of our Warrior Family.

My Best,

**Barry Shreiar**  
**Chairman of the Board of Trustees**  
**(Parent of Nick Shreiar '14')**  
**Army and Navy Academy**

***April 22, 2020***