March 20, 2020

Dear Friends,

For the first time in Herring Gut’s 21 year history, our doors aren’t physically open to our students and community. Instead, we have quickly adapted our hands-on learning approach to a virtual setting. Students, such as the 21 middle school students we usually see on a daily basis, are beginning virtual lessons via our Google Classroom. These students attend HGLC to engage in hands-on innovative science that means being active and creative. We are committed to finding ways to provide this that continues a discovery approach to learning. High school Herring Gut alumni are invited to connect with staff during dedicated virtual office hours for whatever needs they have.

Our work as of today includes:

- Reaching out to the school communities we serve to see how we can help;
- Creating alternative ways to provide our innovative, hands-on learning approach with a focus away from screen time and increasing outdoor exploration;
- Creating ways to stay connected with our older youth to support them in their new reality without in person school community services and contact;
- Staying in close communication with local leaders regarding what we can do to support our local community in case of a food shortage;
- And more as each day arrives.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website to get access to up-to-date news of what is happening both on campus and digitally for students.

We will not let COVID-19 stop the commitment we have to students, and in fact we are looking to do even more to help us all get through this crisis safely and sanely. A contribution from you of $25, $50 or $100 -- or any amount that is appropriate -- at this challenging time will assist us in meeting student needs.

Fondly,

Kathleen Barker
Executive Director