

September 29, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for a great start to our 2020-2021 school year! We have been so impressed with the students and their ability to adapt to online learning! We know it is not without challenges, but we are resilient and when we work together with grace and patience, we can overcome anything!

We have been monitoring the State of Delaware COVID-19 data and unfortunately the numbers according to the Delaware Department of Public Health are not at the level where we would need them to safely begin instruction in our school building. As of September 27<sup>th</sup>, the 7-day average of percentage of persons who tested positive in some of the communities we serve was 9.5%. The State of Delaware 7-day average of percentage of persons who tested positive was 6.8%. According to CDC guidelines, those rates need to be under 5% to safely begin in-person instruction in our school. Therefore, for the safety and well-being of all of our students, staff and families, we have made the very difficult decision to continue the 2020-2021 school year with full remote learning from home.

Although it is not ideal to be teaching and learning from home, we know that with the continued uncertainty of COVID-19, this is the safest and smartest choice. At this time, we expect to be fully online until (at least) January 4, 2021. We were hoping and praying that we would be able get the students and staff in the building and back to normal much sooner.

We would like to thank you again for your unwavering support of the school and your children. These are very trying times and we are sure this is not easy for you and your family. We will always keep the safety of our children and families, and our staff at the forefront of every decision we make, no matter how challenging it may be. Not one life in our school or community is worth losing to COVID-19. We will continue to work as hard as we can to provide all the tools your children need to be successful.

Sincerely,



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Principal



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