

December 14, 2020

Dear Henry Viscardi School Community:

We continue to monitor the statistics and guidance surrounding COVID-19 to ensure we are maintaining a safe environment for our staff and students. Given the rising number of COVID cases around the country and the concern that holiday travel and gatherings may increase infection rates, the Henry Viscardi School will transition to remote instruction for all students and staff the week following the winter recess break, January 4 through January 8. It is our hope that by moving to a short-term remote schedule it will allow us to safely operate and remain open in the coming weeks. We will return to in-person learning on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

We understand that this creates additional challenges for our families, which is why we are notifying you today as you may need time to adjust your schedules and arrange for care. The health and safety of all students staff are our top priorities, and it is our hope that moving to a remote schedule will lower the risks for our Viscardi community.

With the official first day of winter soon approaching and snow in the weather forecast for this week, I also write to update everyone about our new snow day procedures. In the unlikely event we need to close the building due to snow or inclement weather-related emergencies, we will pivot to remote learning for all students and staff. This also means we will not need to utilize contingency days and therefore school will be closed on all contingency days indicated on our school calendar.

As in the past, you will receive notification of weather-related emergencies via Blackboard Connect e-mail, voicemail and text message.

We thank you for your patience, flexibility and cooperation during these unprecedented times, so that we can serve our students both safely and effectively.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,



Angelo Zegarelli  
Head of School