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Hi CVPS Families,

I want to update you on some changes that we feel we must make as we enter a new year and plan to return to school during this unfortunate Covid surge all around us. As always our highest priority is to keep CVPS open while ensuring the health and safety of the children, our staff and families.

**We have made the very difficult decision to delay our reopening until Thursday January 6th.** This will give our staff and families more time after the holidays to monitor themselves for symptoms and get PCR tested if needed. We are strongly encouraging all staff and families, especially those who have gathered with others, to get tested before returning to campus.

We know this is not a lot of notice and we are deeply sorry for those of you who will be negatively impacted, but we must do what we feel is best for the school as a whole during these very uncertain times.

Please also be aware that in an abundance of caution our local health department has been ordering other schools in the area to close classrooms when staff or children have been sent home with symptoms, even before a Covid PCR test result has been obtained. If a negative result is returned, they have been allowed to reopen (we're hearing this is anywhere from 3-4 days) and if a positive result is returned, the closure time is a full 10 days with every other exposed child and staff member requiring a test after 5 days. We are trying to avoid this as much as we can and feel it will be even more of a hardship for our families if this continues to happen over and over. In the event this does take place, please be sure you have a back-up plan as we would not be able to re-open a quarantined classroom until we cleared by the health department, even if some children tested negative.

We will continue to monitor the situation with guidance from CDPH, SDDPH, CDC and CCL. We will update you immediately of any official changes they make if they will impact our families or policies in any way.

We will continue to keep stable groups of children, and if any member of your child's classroom is sent home with symptoms, or a parent reports symptoms that started after hours, we will notify you. We want to ensure we're considering the comfort level of each of our families and feel full transparency, while still maintaining privacy (we will never share the "who"), is the best way to do that.

Although our Covid policies state we do not offer a reduction in fees due to covid closures, we will be applying a 5% discount to every account for the month of January. Due to the 1st of the month falling on a weekend, tuition would have normally processed on Monday the 3rd. I have put a stop on all accounts to give me time to apply the discount, so you likely will not see a tuition charge until Wednesday the 5th. For those who login to pay, you will see a \$0 balance, please check back on or after the 5th. There will be no late fees applied until after the 17th of the month due to this change.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

I will also be on campus on Monday from 8:30-10:00 to take any calls if you'd like to speak on the phone.

On behalf of myself and the CVPS Board, thank you for your understanding and your support.

Blessings,  
Holly Smith