COVID and Planning for 2021-22 School Year

As we begin to prepare for the coming year, we are looking ahead with both optimism and realism; keeping our eyes on how COVID will continue to affect our school. This past year has required extra flexibility from everyone. While we are all hopeful and ready for a return to life more like we have known in the past, we anticipate that we will need to keep some COVID policies and practices in play. With the understanding that this continues to be an ever-changing landscape, some class rosters and class assignments will not be finalized until just ahead of the approaching school year, and we may need to make ongoing changes depending on recommendations. Any updates to these policies will be shared with our families as they occur.

<u>COVID Policies – Subject to change as needed. More on our Covid-19 response is on our website.</u>

The school will continue to operate with COVID risk mitigation policies and practices according to local/national guidelines and recommendations as needed, possibly including, and not limited to:

- Required mask wearing for all 3 years and older.
- Augmented hygiene and cleaning protocols
- Reduced enrollment in classrooms
- Placing siblings together when possible
- Maintaining classroom cohorts
- Making changes to classroom and time placements if needed
- Restricting visitors to the school
- Holding virtual meetings
- Employing a hybrid model if needed
- Temporarily closing classes if needed for quarantine.