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## HGMICS CEO Update - December 5, 2020

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Dear HGMICS Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to resuming in-person learning. Monday also marks the 12 days count down until winter holiday break. As we count down the days, the second trimester will be in full swing, and holiday cheer will be shared with our students. However, it is a cautious, serious time, nonetheless.

On behalf of all the staff and faculty, we are acutely aware of and share your concern for the health and safety of family and friends during this period of substantial spread of the coronavirus. As we resume in-person learning on Monday, we commit to even more vigilance to ensure that your child(ren) is provided a safe, secure learning environment. We have enacted several enhanced mitigation efforts - some mandated and others out of an abundance of caution. Joe Ross, Director Facilities/Security recently communicated, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, this information to you, as well as to our staff and faculty.

As you know, HGMICS transitioned to all-remote education on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and since that time families and staff have kept the school apprised of cases/exposures/test results. There were two students (siblings) who tested positive based upon household exposure and are completing their quarantine period. Also, four students and two staff were exposed to a positive COVID case within their respective households and are also in quarantine at this time. While these cases have had no impact on HGMICS students or staff, this information is shared with you to reinforce our commitment to transparency in reporting cases/exposures.

HGMICS maintains frequent contact with and guidance from the Department of Health and accordingly, the School monitors student/staff quarantine periods and requires verification of negative test results before re-entering the building. Your continued cooperation in keeping the School informed should exposures/cases affect your family is greatly appreciated. And to repeat a familiar request, **please do not send your student(s) to school if not feeling well.**

Please stay safe and healthy,  
Marie George