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Dear VSCA Families,

In our past correspondence and Town Hall Meeting, it was stated that students would be able to change from one model (fully remote, hybrid, 5 day hybrid) to another, with the appropriate notice. After reviewing parent choices, we have come to the conclusion that this will not be possible on a weekly basis. Parents may at any time switch from either of our hybrid models to fully remote (please give the school a 24 hour notice in order for teachers to be prepared), however in order for a student to switch to hybrid from remote we will need to move this change to the next marking period. We will ask for your response by October 26th, in order to start on November 9th. I deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have not come to this decision lightly. In order to accommodate students who are in school, additional staffing is necessary. We need to provide consistent hours to these individuals. This does not afford us the ability to increase or decrease coverage on a weekly basis. In addition, it better helps us keep set cohorts within the school buildings.

As previously mentioned, we will be reducing course instruction time to allow students at home breaks in their screen time, during the school day. A significant amount of money has been spent on the school's technology in order to give students the best remote learning experience we can give, however, no amount of money can replace the wellbeing of our children. We hope these changes will benefit all of our students.

We have stated that we would like to continue to make our Early Morning Drop Off and After School Care Program still available to our families. If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact Mrs. Meller at (516) 823-0022 or mmeller@vscaschool.org. Your early response is critical to the continuation of these programs.

And last--- uniforms! As noted, whether students are in school face to face or working remotely, everyone will be "together" in their classrooms. To that end, all students will be required to wear their uniforms during regular school hours. There is one change—ALL students may wear their Physical Education uniform EACH day for the first marking period. We will revisit this decision, in November. We will continue to have periodic dress down days, as we have in the past, including our Missions Dress Down Days, which support our "adopted" children in Latin America. These days will be given at the start of school. As a reminder, all students receive one PE polo shirt and sweatshirt as part of registration. Children may, if they so choose, also wear their formal uniform at any time, except days in which they have PE as a class.

As always, I thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. Once school begins, your input about your child's learning experience will be invaluable in order to make this an exceptional year for all of our students. I am SO thankful that God remains on the throne and cannot be moved! Let's follow in His footsteps, remaining steadfast in our purpose and passion!

God Bless,
Leslie Fowley
Superintendent