



A message from Gary T. Henry, Dean, College of Education and Human Development: Events related to coronavirus at the University of Delaware have required us to be nimble and focused on the safety and wellbeing of the families we serve and our employees. In an attempt to balance safety and wellbeing with serving our families and their children, the Dean's Office along with the Directors will be making individual decisions for each of our units on the Children's Campus – The College School, The Lab School and the Early Learning Center. Also, we are attending to the thorough cleaning of the facilities. We greatly appreciate the dedication and commitment of the leaders, teachers and staff who work on the Children's Campus to the families and children we serve. As events may continue to change rapidly, please continue to frequently check UD's coronavirus website: <https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/>

Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during what continues to be a time of uncertainty. Along with our Dean and a team of University officials, we have made the difficult decision to close The College School effective immediately, in accordance with the Governor's recent decision to close public and private schools. Therefore, TCS will be closed from Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 27th. At this time, we plan to reopen on Monday, March 30th.

This decision to close was not made easily or without deliberation. I am aware that the change in schedule and routine may prove challenging for many of us. If you need special childcare accommodations on Monday or Tuesday, as you put more permanent plans in place, please text or call me on my cell: 302-545-0318.

Throughout this past week, we, as a cohesive school, have remained calm and vigilant, putting the safety and well-being of our students first. Teachers and staff have continued with daily instruction and kept a routine schedule at school. Simultaneously, we have offered every student the personalized compassion they need on a child-by-child basis. We recognize the apprehension that the coronavirus has created in many children, and we have responded with understanding to help reduce their worries. As always, your children continue to impress us with their resilience. They have remained flexible and strong, maintaining their school routine, expressing their

personal thoughts about the coronavirus, and inquiring about our updates and plans forward as a school.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, TCS staff will meet to organize a distance learning program for your children. We will have an update to you by Monday evening, followed by a more detailed plan by Tuesday afternoon, so that your children may begin some online practices by Wednesday.

In the meantime, your child's teachers will be in contact to provide any special information about weekly routine assignments and any long-term assignments already in progress. We recognize that there will be many questions, so please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's homeroom teacher for clarification at any time. Our whole staff is here to help!

I will be in contact to provide further details about the situation and status as it evolves. Again, thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. This is a stressful time for our whole community, and I truly appreciate the care you have expressed for our College School family.

My best to you,

Laura