

Dear SCS Employees, Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

We hope you are enjoying the holiday break with family and friends. The first semester of school flew by very rapidly and I know we are all looking forward to an outstanding second half of the school year beginning Tuesday, January 11th. Our teachers, staff, and administrators are sincerely excited and committed to providing our students with a stellar education as we enter 2022. We appreciate the support of the whole community including parents, volunteers, business partners, local agencies, and the foundations; you are all integral to the continued success of Sarasota County Schools.

As you know, the Omicron variant spread has increased in our area. Fortunately, it seems to be a mild strand and will hopefully dissipate soon. We do not anticipate the impact in our school district to cause major adjustments to our plans as we begin the second semester. As we monitor the latest virus information, I want to assure you that we have strategies in place to continue delivering excellent service for our students and families when we return from the break. Another updated correspondence will be sent to you at the end of the week, so please stay tuned.

Moving forward into the next semester, let's continue to collaborate, communicate, and uphold our high expectations as we implement our goal of affording exceptional educational opportunities for our students.

I wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brennan Asplen Superintendent of Schools