Dear DRAW Academy Families.

Once again, I wish you happy holidays and best omens for this soon-to-start new year.

I want to inform you that, unfortunately, Harris County had already raised the risk level of contagion by COVID to "Yellow" and is currently already in "Orange,” reminding you that three weeks ago it was almost in "Green,” which it would have meant being able to return to a normal life.

This "rebound" in the number of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths, is because there are too many people, not only in this county but in the entire USA, who have not yet been vaccinated.

*These misfortunes could have been easily avoided.*

In the last week of school this past semester, five teachers and six children reported receiving a positive test for COVID.

We know this number will continue to grow significantly when we go back to school on Tuesday, January 4, as this is happening right now across the country with the highly contagious COVID-Omicron version.

*However, existing vaccines provide a high level of protection even against this new version.*

Those who are not yet protecting their families and children should be aware that we are welcoming the 22nd year of the 21st century.

*What does this mean?*

In short, this modern era has already shown us how today we can access a healthier life thanks to advances in technology, medicine, and many other branches of human development.

*Consider that the first modern vaccine was introduced by Dr. Jenner in 1796... 225 years ago!*

Thanks to vaccines, our children grow up healthy and free of Polio, Smallpox, Diphtheria, Tetanus, and many other diseases that previously killed thousands of people per year.

*I ask each of the families not to reject science this year but to welcome its advantages to your family’s life, primarily to protect your children and all others in the school.*

At school, we have seen too much suffering in our families. This suffering could have been avoided if many had made the correct and civilized decision to accept science and vaccinate their families.

This disease is no different from so many others ... but it has already killed too many despite the existence of a preventive cure, the vaccine.

Please do not leave your children exposed to this perfectly controllable disease and vaccinate them in the same way that you have done for so many years against other diseases.

*Help them grow up healthy and return to everyday life.*

Thank you.