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Parents -

We would like to apologize again for the last-minute closure at Darden on 9/13/21.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to navigate through unprecedented times.

There is an extreme staffing crisis across the nation, in Alabama, in Lee County - and at ACHR. We know that having to close our center or classrooms affects each of your jobs as well. We work steadily to make adjustments to keep our centers open.

In addition, as you know COVID is becoming more common in our area to the point that our hospital, like every other hospital in Alabama, is full. Now children are also getting COVID, which means all of us must do everything we can to protect them.

Our first priority is your children's safety while in our care. We made additional plans today in the event that similar issues arise in the future.

Here's what you can do to help:

1. Continue to monitor your children's well-being before entering the center. Please keep your children home if they are sick. This will help us be better able to keep children and staff well. Keeping them well will help us keep classrooms open.
2. Please consider applying or encourage relatives, neighbors, and friends to apply to be a part of our team as a substitute teacher or assistant teacher. Having substitutes to call when our staff are ill or must quarantine will allow us to continue to be open.

Again thank you for your continued support and patience during this very challenging time.

ACHR- Darden Staff