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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The newest governor's mandate and Health Director's Order requiring schools to notify parents, guardians, and the public of positive COVID cases is now in effect. Upon receiving notice of a confirmed positive COVID case, teachers will be distributing letters to students to take home to parents that have been in the same classroom as the confirmed case. These letters will not identify who the student or staff member is that tested positive for COVID, just that the individual was in a shared classroom with your child.

Students who need to be quarantined will continue to be notified by the health department. Any students not quarantined or notified by the health department will be expected to be in school moving forward.

The district will also be posting a dashboard on the school website. The goal is for this to be updated daily.

Many students have been quarantined since the beginning of the school year. Nearly all of those issues have been due to close contact with a family member who was either quarantined or a probable case, or went on a vacation to an area with a high rate of cases, or in some cases purely as a precaution.

As cases start to make their way into the schools, it is important that all of us remind students to wash and dry hands frequently, and use hand sanitizer throughout the day in order to keep us physically at school. The District will continue to sanitize and disinfect all areas of the buildings. Now that we have basically been in school for a month it is important that we don't stop doing those things that have allowed us to get to this point.

I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and efforts to get us to this point. Please continue those efforts as we try to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

Joel Mengerink
Superintendent