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January 14, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Tuesday, January 19, the District will be returning to our in-person learning schedule <u>that was in place prior to</u> <u>the current pause</u> that began on Monday, January 4 through January 15. Any "low risk" sports, band, and extracurricular activities (still adhering to the NYS Health Department's and Governor's social distancing restrictions) are permitted to begin on Saturday, January 16. <u>All CiTi BOCES classes/programs are also</u> <u>returning to their in-person learning schedule that was in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.</u>

Even though we paused in-person learning for the past two weeks, we still received many notifications from the Health Department informing us that students at all levels tested positive for COVID-19 and were put into the 10 day mandatory quarantine. The Health Department also notified us of any student or staff member that was deemed a "close contact" that required a 10 day mandatory quarantine, as they changed the quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days. If your child was quarantined by the Health Department because they tested positive or were considered a "close contact" and you have not already emailed (or contacted) your child's school nurse to provide them with that documentation from the Health Department, please do so prior to January 19. If your child plays one of our "low risk" sports, band, or participates in any in-person extracurricular activities then please provide your child's nurse with that documentation prior to January 16. If your child is continuing to stay 100% remote and you already notified your child's principal of this, but your child is scheduled to come to school to be evaluated in conjunction with special education services, please also provide any quarantine documentation (if your child was in quarantine) to the school nurse prior to your child's in-person appointment.

The number of students and staff deemed "close contacts" is significantly lower as a result of our pause to in-person learning, and we are delighted to be coming off our pause with in-person learning resuming on Tuesday, January 19, because Monday, January 18 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a national holiday with no school in session. As a reminder, if your child is experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms (listed below), please keep your child home from school and notify your healthcare provider. The NYS Health Department still requires any child experiencing <u>any</u> of the COVID-19 symptoms to have a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternate diagnosis from a healthcare provider in order to return to in-person learning.

- Fever at or above 100 degrees
- Lingering Headache
- Loss of Taste or Smell
- Shortness of Breath
- Muscle Aches
- Diarrhea
- Sore Throat
- Prolonged Runny/Stuffy Nose
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting

Sincerely,

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