March 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please let me thank you for your patience during these times when information and guidance changes so quickly. I hope you have found previous communications from the district helpful. At this time there is much information to share so please review the information below. Please understand that this information is as of the writing of this letter. Guidance from NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health is frequently being updated.

At this time, **there are no confirmed cases of the virus in the district**. We have **not** received any notifications from the Nassau County Department of Health regarding the need to close our schools or to implement any other cleaning or disinfection procedures beyond those that we have been performing all along.

The following guidance has been jointly issued by the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Education Department to school districts on how to respond to the report of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

*If a student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case, NYS Department of Health requires an initial 24 hour closure, in order to begin an investigation to determine the contacts that the individual may have had within the school environment. That investigation will inform the plan determined by the local department of health as to any further required closure, or other necessary precautions to take for specific classrooms, or for specific individuals. Such plan must recommend actions for future positive COVID-19 cases as well.*

*During the initial 24 hour closure the school shall immediately take steps to clean and disinfect the school building(s) where the student or staff member had contact prior to testing positive for COVID-19. The disinfection must be in accordance with the NYS Department of Health guidelines and must be complete before accepting returning students.*

Also, please know that quarantine, restricted movement, and monitoring is directed by local departments of health at the direction of the State Health Department, not the school district.
As a district, we continue our efforts to clean and sanitize regularly. We ask you to remind your children to stay home if feeling sick, report to the nurse if they should feel sick during the day, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, and sneeze or cough into their sleeves or a tissue, not their hands.

Finally, if required to close school for an extended period of time, we have developed a plan to continue instruction by remote learning via iPads. You will receive information regarding this plan and students will receive instructions, in the event remote learning must be implemented.

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and families is our top priority. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please see the links below for additional information on COVID-19.

Respectfully,

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https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4946/Coronavirus-COVID-19