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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

Michael J. D'Ostilio Principal Gregory Muscelli, Ed.D. Assistant Principal

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Dear Bulldog Families and Staff,

In my last written correspondence to you (December 13, 2020), I made reference to the "presumptive positive" cases at Bunker Hill Middle School. Today, I must report that as a result of this week, we have been notified of four (4) confirmed individuals (staff and students) of Bunker Hill that have tested positive for COVID-19 over the last week.

In a previous letter we reiterated our "presumptive positive status" and provided links to past correspondence about what constitutes "presumptive positive". While this information is helpful and should be referenced, moving forward and to avoid confusion with constant, ever changing cases, we will be informing you of positive cases so you can be aware and make the best decisions for your family.

Please remember that since there has not been any in person instruction, the exposure to anyone in the school community has been greatly contained. As always, unless you were notified directly, there is no exposure of a "direct contact" nature to you or your students/children. We also discussed the importance of keeping Mrs. Keane (our school nurse) informed of positive COVID-19 results during the remote setting. At this time, I would like to reference some past correspondence (with their hyperlinks) to keep you reminded of our communication:

<u>September 24, 2020</u>...Reference of our first COVID-19 Positive Case and the contact tracing and cleaning protocols we do for each case when the individual was in the building.

November 24, 2020... Explanation of the difference between "symptomatic" and "presumptive positive".

<u>December 10, 2020</u>...Reminder to keep Mrs. Keane informed (even in the remote environment) of COVID-19 Positive Cases.

<u>December 20, 2020</u>...Explanation of how to keep Mrs. Keane informed during winter break of COVID-19 Positive Cases.

<u>All Bunker Hill Correspondence to Families</u>...Location of all past and current newsletters and written correspondence during the 20-21 school year from Mr. D'Ostilio to families.

I hope these links provide clarity of our process and our transparency as we communicate with each other to keep students and staff safe. Speaking of safety, I wish you absolute joy, rest, and safety this winter break.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio