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

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Dear Bulldog Families:

As you know, this evening, Mr. Bollendorf sent out a letter explaining that we are poised to re-open school buildings for Hybrid instruction for the week of December 7, 2020. Assuming the weekend goes well, we are also in good shape to open as well although we do have some positive cases that surfaced throughout this remote period. Rest assured because of our week pivot to remote, there has been no one who has been infectious in our building over this time.

Since we last communicated about the presumptive and positive case at Bunker Hill (November 24), and over the last few days, we have had three additional confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. Again, I want to assure you that no one in the school building has been exposed to any of the cases. While there is no impact on the entire faculty or the students in these specific cases, it is prudent to be transparent to keep you informed so you can make informed decisions for your family.

These positive cases were either those who were on the remote cohort anyway or individuals who grew symptomatic during our remote week of 11/23-11/27. Through our contact tracing, we determined these individuals were not infectious on or before 11/20, which was our last day of in person instruction.

I want to personally thank you for your communication with us if you or children or anyone in your family or circle becomes symptomatic, for your transparency about testing, for your diligence in keeping your children home when they are sick, and for your respect by quarantining if you travel. It means a lot, and because of that, at this time, we are able to move back to the hybrid instruction this coming week.

As always, there are couple of reminders:

- An individual is considered a close contact if they are 6 feet or less from an individual for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more.
- Be sure to understand the difference between a close contact and a contact of a contact. A close contact is what is considered above. Whereas, a contact of a contact is someone who was in contact with someone who happens to be a close contact of someone else. In this case "contacts of a contact" have no direct exposure and have no need to quarantine according to health department or CDC standards
- NJDOH frequently releases a COVID-19 activity report and uses the color-coding system of green, yellow, orange, red. Gloucester County this week has remained in orange status. Red is the most high risk ("very high" status). Orange is a step below at "high" risk. While in Orange, this means we have to quarantine contacts of presumptive cases as well as contacts of positive cases. We've already been doing this for the most part. But this is an upgrade of the activity.

Take care Bulldogs families. Continue to stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio, Principal