

## BUNKER HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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:

You are most likely aware, that Mr. Bollendorf sent a letter to the Washington Township Community, explaining that Washington Township Public Schools are pivoting to remote instruction until January 11, 2021. There is so much that went into that decision and certainly with the increase in cases, I know safety, balanced with the preservation of academics, is foremost in his mind and echoed by the administrative team at the central office level as well as the school building level.

Specifically, for Bunker Hill, in the last 48 hours, we were notified that two more individuals tested positive for Covid-19. We were poised to have these individuals be remote and adjust whether it was students or staff. As similar to the letter I also sent on Friday, none of these cases presented an exposure to anyone in the school building and since we were remote the week prior to Thanksgiving, there is no concern for contact tracing or spread in conjunction to Bunker Hill.

In past letters, we have discussed several factors such as:

- What we are doing to clean rooms and the building
- How we determine contacts
- How we respond to presumptive positive/symptomatic cases especially when the locality is in Orange or Red status
- What Orange and Red Status means
- Why the situations in the building are always "fluid" and ever changing.

All of our past correspondence to families regarding COVID-19 are always saved and available for you to review. You can access them along with our past newsletters at <u>https://www.wtps.org/Page/31216</u>. Each time someone informs us they are either is presumptively positive or actually obtain a positive COVID-19 test, we inform the community. In our Road Back plan, we have committed to being fully transparent about any case that surfaces related to Bunker Hill even if those individuals have had no exposure to anyone in the building. If you have any questions about any of the positive cases or the correspondence, please be sure to reach out to me.

Take care Bulldogs families. Let's all make sure we stay healthy to return to the building on January 11, 2020. We miss our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Bulldogs terribly.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio, Principal