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

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Dear Bulldog Families and Staff,

This week we continued monitor our situation regarding reports of positive COVID-19. Since my last correspondence to you, on January 4, **we have been informed of five (5) new cases of individuals (students and/or staff) reported to have tested positive for COVID-19.** We thank the vigilance of all the families who are contact me or the nurse regarding the need to quarantine or the test results. Thus far there has been no need to quarantine any groups because the exposure is substantially mitigated since we have not had any in-person instruction. At the time of this letter, it appears that Washington Township Schools including Bunker Hill Middle School are poised to resume hybrid instruction on January 11, 2021.

With that being said, it is even more vital that the lines of communication remain open so we can ensure the safety of everyone. If we do not know of an exposure and an individual comes to school having been exposed, that creates a very difficult situation in limiting the exposure to someone else. That could have ramifications for an entire class of students and staff. As always, we will continue to do our due diligence in enacting the protocols set forth.

Please consult the links to past letters to you that provide specific details regarding courses of action we take in the in person and remote settings and how our decisions are affected by the trajectory of the pandemic. Please see below:

[September 24, 2020](#)...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".

[December 10, 2020](#)...Reminder to keep Mrs. Keane informed (even in the remote environment) of COVID-19 Positive Cases.

[All Bunker Hill Correspondence to Families](#)...Location of all past and current newsletters and written correspondence during the 20-21 school year from Mr. D'Ostilio to families. This includes all letters of affirmed positive COVID-19 Cases surrounding Bunker Hill Middle School

[COVID Act Now – Gloucester County, NJ](#)...Tracks (live) the numbers of COVID-19 cases and positivity ratings in Gloucester County. It also makes recommendations.

[New Jersey Department of Health Weekly Report](#)...This report is current based on the previous weeks' numbers. This is always a week behind, but this report updates every Thursday.

Sincerely,