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

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Dear Bulldog Families and Staff:

Thank you for your patience as we work to navigate the contact tracing. I appreciate the effort of you as families and staff as you have asked me and our nurse essential questions about our contact tracing protocols and the recommendations we are following from the department of health. We continue to have individuals whom are monitoring. **Again, if you were not contacted, there was no "close contact" exposure as indicated by our guidelines or health office recommendation. If you are considered a close contact to a person who tests positive for COVID-19, we would call you, ask you to quarantine, and possibly begin discussion of tracing contacts.**

With that being said, due to our inability to social distance in our 3 specialized programs that work with students with Autism and Multiple Disabilities and the contact tracing that we completed, we feel it is prudent to keep those programs remote for the duration of the week (October 8 and 9, 2020). As has been the case this week, we expect the students to work with the teaching and support staff and log in remotely for live synchronous instruction as dictated by their teachers.

I want to assure the families of the children in these settings as well as the staff that this is a precautionary measure at this juncture as we wait further recommendations and guidance which would solidify our safety precautions. It should be noted that every room in the building has been properly sanitized and cleaned. Also, we have had minimal access to the halls and only essential personnel in the building during this brief closure. It should also be noted that according to the health department's guidance, due to the circumstances that are known, no student or staff was exposed, especially since we have not been present and in school for three days.

For the remainder of the school population, all students in Cohort B will report tomorrow and proceed with their regularly scheduled classes. Students who are remote or are in Cohort A should log into Schoology and work throughout the day on assignments. Keep in mind teachers will be available from 1:45 to 3 via email should you have any questions or concerns.


As always, we continue to encourage parents, students, and staff to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

The status of this situation still is fluid, and we continue to monitor it closely. If we learn of any additional steps from the health department, we will let you know immediately. W

In closing, I want to thank Bulldog families and staff for their patience and understanding in this matter. We are always appreciative of the support and cooperation for the BHMS community. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the school at 856-881-7007 and request to speak to me or our nurse, Mrs. Keane

Sincerely,



Mike D'Ostilio