December 11, 2020

Dear Cincy Families,

I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you when there is NOT a COVID case to report.

I am most appreciative of the support that our staff and students have received from our school community. We have had late notice transitions to remote learning on three occasions at this point in the school, coolers have been placed at the end of most driveways to assist our staff in delivering food and school work, and you keep sending your kids to school when we have returned to In-Person learning. For that I thank you.

In order to stay with In-Person learning for the next few months, it is critical that each of us continues to protect ourselves and our own family. Here at school, the only way that we have control over our own health and others is to wear masks and remain socially distant whenever possible. These two behaviors help to reduce the spread of any potential virus (flu, common cold, COVID) and also helps to reduce anxiety for both staff and students. To date, we don’t know of any spread of COVID-19 that has occurred within the walls of our school even though we have had students and staff that have been positive. This is an indicator to me that masks and social distancing have been effective and we will continue to emphasize these practices.

I am passionate about keeping our building open to students with an In-Person model as much as possible which is why we will be returning to In-Person learning for our students in grades 7 - 12 on Wednesday, December 16, instead of remaining Remote through our Holiday Break. We want to achieve and maintain as much of what is normal and typical as we are able and providing school is a priority for our team. Please help us by discussing the importance of mask wearing with your child, monitoring their health, and keeping them home when they are exhibiting symptoms.

Please note that schools in New York State are required to have an Emergency Dismissal Day each school year. We have planned that day for Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Therefore, we will be dismissing our students at 2:45 pm. Parents that have been picking up their children can plan to start that process at 2:35 pm.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you in any or contact your child’s principal if you have questions or concerns.

I will also take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

In appreciation,

Todd M. Freeman