December 30, 2020

Good afternoon,

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying quiet time at home. On the night of December 25, we were notified there was a positive case in one of our elementary classes. Contact tracing started immediately and families and staff that were required to quarantine were contacted by school officials on December 26. As the student’s last day was December 23 and New York State has adopted the new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, those quarantine periods are now 10 days. Students that are quarantined currently will be ending at midnight on either December 31, January 1, or January 2 depending on their last date of exposure. Therefore, we look forward to returning to In-Person learning for our students on Monday, January 4, 2021.

There is much speculation both nationally and locally on what surge may or may not take place as a result of the Holiday season. We will continue to make our decisions based on guidance from New York State, the Cortland Health Department and other local factors. We have been fortunate in that we don’t have a confirmed situation where COVID has been transmitted within our school. Masks, social distancing, and your diligence in keeping your children home when sick have been extremely helpful.

As maintaining In-Person learning is a priority for us, please help by monitoring your child’s symptoms each day. Symptoms include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. If your child has any of these symptoms, they should not come to school until symptoms subside.

If there are further questions, please contact your child’s principal via email or phone. As a perpetual optimist, I have great hope and trust in our community and am looking forward to getting on to our regular routine.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Freeman