Monday, November 9, 2020

I wanted to provide an update to the message that was sent out last night. Our total active COVID-19 cases within our student population remains two (2). One (1) positive case at Golden Brook School, and one (1) positive case at Windham High School. The individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their identified close contacts were directed by NH DHHS to adhere to the required isolation (for those who are sick) or quarantine (for those who were exposed) time. These cases do not appear to be connected to each other.

As a reminder, each case presented is considered an individual, unique case and is reviewed and handled by the state in that way. The decision to move the high school to a full remote model for Monday was based on the guidance of NH DHHS with the preliminary contact tracing information they had available. The district will continue to make decisions based on NH DHHS guidance in order to maximize the safety of our students and staff.

We had multiple conversations with NH DHHS today that provided additional clarity on who was considered a close contact to the positive cases and who should remain in quarantine. Golden Brook School, Windham Center School, and Windham Middle School will continue their hybrid model. We were advised by NH DHHS to extend the Windham High School full remote model for all students for another day on Tuesday, November 10th in order for them to complete their contact tracing efforts and for the district to complete a deep clean of the building. The volume of contact tracing that is still needed in this case is the major factor as to why the building will remain closed to students and needs to be thoroughly investigated before we can safely resume hybrid learning.

At this time, we anticipate re-opening the High School with our hybrid model on Thursday, November 12, assuming that no additional factors result in a recommendation from NH DHHS to remain in remote learning. Our communication efforts will remain constant with NH DHHS throughout their investigation and monitoring of the situation. We will keep the community informed of any adjustments or changes in our plan.

Thank you,

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