We have received four additional positive COVID-19 cases bringing our total active COVID-19 cases within our student population to six (6). Four (4) positive cases at Golden Brook School, one (1) positive case at Windham High School, and one (1) positive case at Windham Middle School. The individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their identified close contacts will continue to be directed by NH DHHS to adhere to the required isolation (for those who are sick) or quarantine (for those who were exposed) time. These numbers are not reflective of the staff and students that are being required by the state to quarantine in each building.

As of today, Windham High School as well as the rest of the schools will resume their hybrid learning model on Thursday, November 12. Due to the schools being closed on Veterans Day (11/11) Cohort 2 (M-Z) will be in-person on Thursday (11/12). If any additional information is provided by NH DHHS that changes this plan prior to Thursday, we will notify the community immediately.

I want to make an appeal to our community at large to please take the COVID-19 virus and its infectious rate seriously. Our leaders are spending a majority of their time, including after hours, working with NH DHHS and the affected families to mitigate the potential exposure of others in the schools. This also includes finding additional staff to cover for the teachers that are unable to be in-person due to potential exposure. Our teachers are also struggling to provide our students with in-person learning while they are remote due to quarantine.

After speaking with town officials and NH DHHS, there is an undeniable community resurgence of transmission that is now taking place in the schools. In order for our schools to remain open and provide in-person learning, we need our community to be as diligent as we have been in order to remain safe and keep others safe. Precautionary measures include social distancing, mask wearing, and staying home when you do not feel well.

On a personal level, I have experienced loss of a close friend from COVID-19. It has been my goal since then to keep my family, friends, colleagues, and those that I am responsible for safe.

I understand that after nine months of diligence we are all feeling the effects of pandemic fatigue. However, as the resurgence across the country continues to rise, we feel that it is now more important than ever to remain focused on curbing the spread of the virus.

This will pass if we all work together; we hope that the resurgence in our community will pass quickly. I look to you for your support and continued community commitment to help keep us all safe and healthy.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools