Thursday, December 3, 2020

Dear staff and school community,

The monitoring of the impact of COVID-19 cases in our schools has been conducted daily. Over the past week, it has increased beyond our expectations. Our district now has a total of fourteen (14) positive COVID-19 cases within our school community, five (5) positive cases at Golden Brook School, one (1) positive case at Windham Center School, five (5) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and three (3) positive cases at Windham High School. We also currently have a total of 239 students and staff including administrators quarantined between Golden Brook, Center School, Middle School, and High School.

After much deliberation, we have decided to transfer to remote learning effective, Monday, December 7, 2020, for Golden Brook School, Windham Center School, and Windham Middle School with a targeted date of return to in-person/hybrid learning on Monday, December 14, 2020.

As previously communicated, Windham High School will return from remote learning to in-person/hybrid learning on Monday, December 7, 2020.

The rise in the number of COVID-19 cases and quarantine has challenged us from delivering the standard quality of education as always in our schools and compromised our ability to provide in-person instruction. A shift to remote learning affords us the opportunity to have direct contact remotely with each student during this difficult time. The district will continue to provide an effective learning environment during remote instruction.

This was not an easy decision to make, but we realize that there are circumstances beyond our control. Paramount is the safety and welfare of our staff and students. However, we do remain committed to returning to in-person/hybrid learning when we know that it is clear to do so. Our decision to transition to remote learning for Golden Brook School, Windham Center School, and Windham Middle School is supported by the NH DHHS and the Windham School Board.

We will continue to communicate updates with staff and the community. The details regarding material pick-up and day-to-day access to the buildings relative to specialized services will be provided by the building leadership team. The district and administrative office staff will be available for parent and community outreach during normal school hours. If you or a member of your family is experiencing symptoms or awaiting test results, please keep your students at home until the appropriate amount of time has passed.

We thank you for your support and confidence in our decision, as it is the best decision at this time.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois, Superintendent