May 12, 2022

Dear Little Silver Schools Community:

I have enjoyed the fact that I have not had to provide the community with frequent Covid-19 updates. Regretfully, the Covid-19 landscape in the state and region has taken a turn for the worse. Locally, we are seeing a sharp rise in Covid positive staff and students. Unfortunately, the regional health commission informed me this morning that we had an active outbreak in our Pre-K program. They instructed us to shift the Pre-K class to remote learning for a five-day window. Based on the Health Commission’s recommendations, the Pre-K students should be able to return to in-school instruction on Tuesday, May 17th. I felt it was important to communicate this information to the entire community because while we don’t currently have any other grade levels experiencing an outbreak, we do have positive students and staff across the District. Hopefully, this wave will pass quickly and with no additional disruptions.

The District also received communication and data from the state today showing that influenza and respiratory illnesses are high across the state. Additionally, in recent days we have had some instances of the stomach virus in our schools. If we add seasonal allergies to the mix, it is clearly a challenging time as it relates to health. As we continue to prioritize having students healthy and present for in-person learning, we ask that you continue to aid us in achieving this goal by monitoring your child(ren), and if they are displaying any signs or symptoms, please keep them home and inform the school.

We will continue to monitor data, review updated guidance, and consider additional recommendations as things evolve. If you have building specific concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child’s principal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Be well,

Eric Platt
Superintendent of Schools