



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 22, 2020

Good Evening North East Family,

Please be advised that on Sunday, November 22, 2020, the District Office was notified that a middle school student tested positive for COVID-19. The last day the student was in school was on Monday, November 16, 2020. The student was already quarantining and the close contacts have been contacted; however, we have made the decision for the middle school to move to full remote live-stream through November 30, 2020. At this time, both the middle and high school will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The Elementary Center will be on their normal schedule for November 23rd and 24th. We will have the internet café available for any middle school student that does not have access to internet. The buses will run their normal schedule tomorrow. If any middle school student did not take their Chromebook home on Friday, please contact Mr. Beardsley or Dr. Karns in the morning.

We would like to thank our families who have done an outstanding job of following the district guidelines and for communicating with our schools. This is a reminder that there is a revised State Order for facemasks and a new State Order for travel. These Orders are in effect and can be found under the update tab on the district website @nesd1.org. We have also made changes to our Health and Safety Plan which was Board approved last evening. Please take a moment to review this important information.

Please keep in mind that in the event a family member is being tested, or a student is contacted by the Department of Health to quarantine, your child will be able to live-stream during this time.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We ask if you believe you have been in contact with anyone who may have symptoms of COVID-19 or you experience one or more symptoms from Group A or two or more symptoms from Group B below, to please stay home and contact your health care provider.

GROUP A	GROUP B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • New olfactory disorder • New taste disorder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (≥ 100.4 F oral or equivalent) • Chills • Rigors • Myalgia • Headache • Sore throat • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea • Fatigue • Congestion or runny nose

Again, we are urging families to wear masks, social distance, frequently wash their hands, and follow the Erie County recommendations for small gatherings over the holidays. As a reminder the Elementary Center will be in session on November 23rd and 24th. Thank you for your patience and we will get through this together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Karns @ skarns@nesd1.org or myself @ mhartzell@nesd1.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent & Dr. Steven Karns, Co-Principal/Co-Pandemic Coordinator

Mission: *“to challenge, empower, and engage all students to develop and achieve personal and career aspirations, to pursue lifelong learning, and to be responsible and accountable citizens in a dynamic world.”*