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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that the following members of CPS have tested positive for COVID-19 and are isolating:

- **A staff member of CES**
- **A staff member of JJIS**
- **A student member of WJMS**
- **Two student members of BA**

As soon as the District was made aware of these confirmed diagnoses, Colchester Public Schools (CPS) notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the District has taken the following steps below to keep our community safe.

1) Isolation: The student and staff members of our community who have tested positive for COVID-19 have followed medical recommendations to isolate. Please understand that more specific information will not be shared due to privacy concerns.

2) Contact Tracing: In the WJMS student case there was no in-school contact in the 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms and/or testing. CHD will conduct community-based contact tracing. In the JJIS staff member and BA student members cases contact tracing has been completed and the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individuals who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. In the case of the CES staff member, as outlined in the CHD's [CSDE/DPH Adapt, Advance, Achieve Addendum 5 Operational Flow Chart](#), **one class at CES** will quarantine for 10 calendar days and instruction will be remote during the period of quarantine.

3) Continuity of Education: No change to our current instructional model.

The District will continue to monitor this situation and will use sound decision making based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and CHD to maintain safety and continue instruction. Please feel free to contact us for specific questions or concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership as we work to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey E. Burt