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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:

- **Four student members of CES**
- **Two student members of JJIS**
- **Two student members of WJMS**
- **One staff member of WJMS**
- **One student member of BA**
- **One staff member 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 staff and student 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 all cases the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individuals who have tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. CHD will conduct community-based contact tracing as necessary. In addition, the following classes have been asked to quarantine for 10 days from the date of last exposure:

- Three classes at CES
- Two classes at JJIS

3) Continuity of Education: These cases were a result of contact outside of the school setting and we have asked those that came in close contact to isolate. At this time we are able to continue with our current instructional model at each grade level, but we are closely monitoring the situation and will take additional measures as necessary if the numbers continue to escalate.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey E. Burt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey E. Burt