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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:

- **Five student members of BA**
- **One staff member of Town Hall/Central Office**

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 this case the five BA students had no school-based contacts in the 48 hours prior to the positive result and/or onset of symptoms. In the case of the staff member the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individual who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. CHD will conduct community-based contact tracing.

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