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*Every Student, Every Day*

December 28, 2020

Dear Newark CSD Families and Staff:

Although we moved to remote learning on December 16, 2020, and have been on holiday break since December 23, 2020, we remain committed to providing our school community with updates regarding COVID-19. We have had the following positive COVID tests reported to us since we last updated our community on December 20, 2020:

- A teacher at the Middle School tested positive. The teacher was diagnosed on December 26, 2020. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A High School student tested positive while on quarantine. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.
- A teacher who works at Lincoln School, Perkins School and Kelley School tested positive. The teacher was last in the building at Perkins School on December 11, 2020; Lincoln School on December 14, 2020; and at Kelley School on December 15, 2020. As a result of this positive test, one additional adult was quarantined.
- A Kelley School staff member tested positive. This staff member was last in the building on December 16, 2020. As a result of this positive test, three additional adults were quarantined.
- An adult staff member who works only remotely tested positive. There were no additional adults or students in our schools quarantined as a result of this positive test.

The Wayne County Department of Public Health (WCDPH) has advised us that no further action needs to be taken by the District. Contact tracing is conducted by the WCDPH and they make all quarantine decisions based on information provided by the school district and families. If you are not contacted by the WCDPH, no further action is required on your part. We are following all of the WCDPH guidelines and directions as we have since the beginning of the school year.

We have been repeatedly warned that a spike in cases was likely to occur following the Thanksgiving break. The data suggests those warnings were accurate for Wayne County and in many other areas in our state. We are receiving the same warnings for the current holiday season. We must continue to do our part to help mitigate the spread of the virus. Please practice proper hand hygiene, wear face coverings, avoid large groups, and try your best to social distance when you must be outside your home.

We apologize for the disruption to your family life every time we deal with a positive case that leads to the quarantine of both students and staff. The uptick in cases is making it much harder on every person in our region who is trying to keep our children and families safe. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dennis Ford  
Interim Superintendent of Schools