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COVID-19 PARENT LETTER #10

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take a minute to wish you and your family a peaceful and safe Christmas break. I also want to thank you for your cooperation and support of our teachers, support staff, and administration teams as they have done their best to ensure that our schools are safe, enjoyable places to be, all while continuing to help our students learn.

Contact Tracing

In an effort to make sure that our school administrators and support teams get a break, and a chance to recharge on their holidays I want to let you know of a change in practice we will be adopting between December 18 and January 11. Starting December 19, when schools are notified of a case where there was exposure in a school setting, we will no longer have school staff make personal phone calls to the close contacts. Instead we will work with AHS to identify any close contacts in school and will provide them with contact information. AHS will notify the parents of close contacts with an email outlining isolation dates, requirements, etc. Anyone not affected by the case will not be notified, as it is not part of the regular AHS response. I am confident that this process will meet the needs of parents and families for two reasons.

First of all, there is no chance of a person deemed as a close contact ending up at school and possibly exposing someone should they become infectious as classes will not be in session. Secondly, AHS - CDC has greatly improved their school response time and are able to communicate with close contacts 24-48 hours after a positive case in a school setting has been identified.

I thank you for your understanding of our change in practice, as I attempt to make sure school administration and support teams are ready to begin in the New Year.

K-6 Temporary Online Learning

For the week of January 4 to 8, 2021, **all students will stay home to engage with Temporary Online Learning**. This will continue until January 11, 2021 when in school learning is expected to resume.

Similar to when students in Grades 7-12 moved to temporary online learning at the end of November, we will maintain teaching and learning throughout the day via teacher created work packages and scheduled Google Meets. Your child's school/teacher will communicate class schedules and times with you prior to leaving on Friday.

In closing, please know that we are thinking about you and your children over the holiday season. We appreciate your support and understanding during these challenging times, and we look forward to a New Year.

Sincerely,

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