



November 15, 2020

Dear PCS Parents/Guardians and Employees:

I wanted to make you aware of the latest developments this weekend. Unfortunately, the coronavirus found its way onto campus despite all our efforts regarding testing, screening and prevention.

One of our support employees was notified today of a positive COVID-19 test. The employee did not work on the Veterans Day holiday or on Thursday, November 12 or Friday, November 13. At this time, the Department of Health has not enlisted District support for contact tracing. This may be because the employee was not on school grounds or within the school building since Tuesday, November 10th.

Additionally, we have been informed that one of our high school teachers has been advised to quarantine until November 21. This employee may be teaching with the support of a substitute teacher assigned to the classroom. Certain circumstances will allow our employees to work remotely. We are grateful both employees are well and we have staffing that will allow instruction to continue.

While we had certainly hoped to reach our Thanksgiving recess without any positive cases, we suspected this might happen given the recent spike in cases in our own region and nationwide.

Parents and guardians are reminded that when they send their child to school they are assuring the District that the child does not have a temperature ABOVE 100.0 °F and the child **HAS NOT**

- experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days that can not be otherwise explained.
- had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days.
- been in close contact with anyone with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- traveled to or from another state, other than Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or Vermont and stayed there for more than 24 hours; or travelled internationally.

Employees who report to work are also making these same assurances.

Please continue to be diligent with masks, handwashing, and social distancing. If our circumstances change, we will send a new communication.

Sincerely,

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