



September 22, 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Guardians, and Staff,

I am writing to inform you that a student at Nissitissit Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. This student has been out of the building since last Tuesday, and will continue to quarantine until cleared by the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health.

We are pleased to report that the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health has completed its contact tracing and has determined that there are no close contacts at Nissitissit Middle School or in the school district.

Close contacts are identified as anyone who was within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more of the infected individual. Per district protocols for in-person learning, no student in the school district is within 6 feet of another student during classroom instruction.

As a result, we have determined that this is an isolated incident and it is not indicative of any need for wider concern of COVID-19 exposure at our schools. Therefore, we will continue to safely conduct our hybrid learning model within our schools at this time.

During this time our first responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe. We anticipated a scenario like this one during our reopening planning process and have a comprehensive plan in place for consistent sanitizing of the school, informing families whose students were at risk of exposure or in close contact, and supporting the affected family as they navigate this stressful experience.

Our student body and staff have been closely adhering to our safety protocols including mask wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing. We are

grateful to our families for their continued efforts to keep students home at the first sign of symptoms. These measures, taken in combination, greatly reduce the risk of additional transmission.

We will continue to be vigilant in adhering to all of the protocols that have been put in place in an effort to continue hybrid learning. We will also be providing remote learning for the student required to quarantine at home to continue to provide instruction, structure, and an emotional connection to the classroom during a time that we know will be challenging.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact our Supervisor of Health Services, Cathryn Hampson, or the board of health. If there is additional transmission as a result of this case or a separate case, we will send out another message immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brad Morgan
Superintendent of Schools