

# GLOVERSVILLE ENLARGED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families of Groversville Enlarged School District Students:

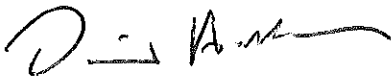
Today we had four new positive COVID cases among the student body in three different buildings. Three of the students were from the same family. Those students were quickly removed from school after being here for a very short period of time. The unrelated case is a self contained middle school student who was last in the building last Friday. A total of 12 staff members and 30 students will be quarantined as a result of today's positive results.

The Governor held a press conference today and prior to it, there was much speculation about his plans to designate zones and close schools. He reiterated that all experts agree that schools remain the safest place for students and staff due to safety protocols being strictly adhered to. Seventy-four percent of COVID spread is from family/small gatherings with schools responsible for just over 1% statewide. Governor Cuomo also spoke to the stability in-person learning provides to students and their families as well as the fact that remote learning is a poor substitute.

On Monday, December 14, 2020, our district will be in session for classes. When the State establishes the color coded zones, our region may, in fact, be designated either orange or yellow. That would require us to transition to remote learning until we can test twenty percent of our students and staff. Although we are ready to test immediately with Nathan Littauer Hospital, we do not have the required permission forms in parent's hands yet. We will be sending the forms out early next week in anticipation of being designated in a color zone. If we are transitioned to fully remote instruction by Executive Order, we will strive to position ourselves to re-open in January. If our region is designated in one of the color zones on Monday, GESD will be fully remote from Tuesday, December 15 through Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support and patience in these difficult times.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools