

## **REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19**

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**Mr. Michael Hammer**, Superintendent of Schools mhammer@rsu19.net

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RSU 19 Families,

It's hard to believe that January is almost over. I want to thank you for continuing to do a great job with navigating the current conditions and supporting our schools.

One thing that has changed in our process to keep the Coronavirus out of schools is that the CDC is telling families that they (CDC) will contact schools if they find a positive student case. This can take a few days and in the meantime, our tracing and quarantining of close contacts becomes ineffective.

In order to safely and effectively determine whether or not contact tracing and/or quarantine is necessary, it is important for you to notify the school nurse as soon as possible when ANY family member receives a positive Coronavirus test result. This will help us monitor any close contacts. Lastly, please have your students stay home if they are awaiting the results of a test.

We continue to learn as we go along and we appreciate your patience. Every effort is made to communicate each case that we have in order to assist you in monitoring your families' health and safety, and we appreciate the reports from parents keeping us informed of how things are going on your end as well.

Thank you very much,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent RSU 19