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Dear Tonawanda City School District Students, Staff and Families:

As you may have learned, the Governor has removed the ORANGE designation from Erie County. As of today, Erie County does NOT have a color designation, as per the Micro-Cluster Strategy designed by the Governor.

Effective immediately, and confirmed by the Erie County Department of Health Officials, the required random COVID-19 testing for students and staff in our school buildings is CANCELED.

Despite any recent communication and planning by the District to solicit consent for COVID-19 testing during the month of February, please understand that ALL rapid COVID-19 testing has been canceled. Please disregard any consent that you have already provided or any requests for consent that you have received from the District. Our District will NOT be conducting any COVID-19 rapid testing during the month of February and beyond, under this designation.

If our designation in Erie County changes and testing becomes a requirement in the future, we will immediately communicate these changes and requirements with you.

Our testing program was effective, efficient, and safe. As expected, we realized very few cases of COVID-19 from this random testing requirement. I want to thank our students, parents, and staff for their willingness to participate and support this testing requirement so that schools could remain open for in-person instruction during this period.

Additionally, I want to publicly recognize and thank the many district staff members that worked tirelessly on planning, implementing, and organizing this large task. Special recognition is deserving to Mrs. Ammerman, Mrs. Barone, Ms. Edholm, and Mrs. Hammersmith, our school nurses, and Mrs. Donner and Ms. Edgerton, our Director of Instructional Technology and Director of PPS, respectively.

Thank you for your continued support and patience with our district. Please continue to take necessary precautions, complete the daily health screening before entering a building each day, and continue with recommended healthy actions to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 in your homes and in our schools. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools