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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we inch closer to the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year, I am hoping that this letter finds you and your families well. I am writing to share a newly released update from the Otsego County Department of Health (DoH) regarding a "testing out of quarantine" option. Schools throughout our county have been made aware that the DoH is allowing those considered "close contacts" to test out of quarantine and return to instruction after day 7 of the normal 10-day quarantine. The "Testing out of Quarantine" option process is described below:

For students deemed a "close contact":

1. Request consideration for release from quarantine by sharing that request with the contact tracer who checks-in on those quarantined on a daily basis. The contact tracer will then notify the DoH that a request for release from quarantine has been made.
2. After day 5 of the quarantine, your child(ren) will need to receive a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test through your family healthcare provider, or one administered at any of the other area COVID-19 testing locations.
3. Your family healthcare provider or lab testing location will automatically report all COVID tests to the DoH.
4. If the test is negative and your child(ren) is/are symptom free, the DoH will provide documentation indicating that your child(ren) may return to instruction after day 7 of the quarantine.
5. Parent/Guardian will submit this release to the school nurse in your child's school prior to return.

This same option exists for our faculty and staff members.

Lastly, next Thursday our schools will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day. I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those of you who have served, or those of you continuing to serve our country as well as your families who support you and who silently serve alongside of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Spross".

Sarah Spross
Superintendent

cc: Cooperstown Faculty and Staff