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RSU 57 prepares respectful, responsible and creative thinkers for success in the global community.

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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This notice is to inform you that an individual at Massabesic High School has been identified by the Maine CDC as a “probable positive” for COVID-19. As a result of the Maine CDC contact tracing process, RSU 57 has been informed that members of the MHS community are considered “close contacts”. MHS families impacted have been notified and will initiate their quarantine today, per Maine CDC guidelines. We are working closely with Maine CDC to monitor our situation.

Importantly, however, as a result of staffing shortages from quarantine necessities, **Massabesic High School will continue to be fully remote learning through at least October 9th.**

We are informing you out of an abundance of caution. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms which include:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

Call a health care provider if symptoms start. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Stay home if you are sick.

Questions for the school can be directed to MHS Principal Jim Hand or Superintendent Larry Malone by calling 247-3221. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Larry Malone, Superintendent
Jim Hand, Principal