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Greetings to all Parents, Community Members and Students,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with important information about our school district. Please note the following:

- * Today, Tuesday, October 20, 2020, we have one member of our elementary staff who has tested positive for COVID 19.
- * One additional staff member has met the criteria for close contact as determined by the Otsego County Department of Health (DOH).
- * Three elementary students have also met the criteria for close contact as determined by the DOH.

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our staff member for leaving the building immediately upon being notified of a possible exposure, for seeking a test, and for the efforts made in keeping the district fully informed. I would also like to share the following information about the steps taken by our District once notified:

- * The School Administrative Team, including our School Nurses, were brought together.
- * As a team, conversations with the Otsego County Department of Health were held.
- * The District is and will continue to follow all DOH recommendations for following contact tracing and quarantine processes.
- * Both the staff members and the families of the children received phone calls from the school and will be contacted by the DOH.

Please note: Out of an abundance of caution, the following decision has been made:

Grades K-6 are going remote for the remainder of the week. Specifically, grades K-6 will be moving to Remote Instruction on Wednesday, October 21st, Thursday, October 22nd, and Friday, October 23rd. Students in grades K-6 should be prepared to begin remote instruction with their teachers at 8:10 am tomorrow.

In addition, our custodial staff has been notified and will continue with their daily fogging and thorough cleaning of all instructional spaces. We will also continue with these same practices for all school buses and district vehicles.

Again, this decision will impact grades K-6 only. Please know that the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. It will be our goal to return to the existing hybrid schedule for all grades on Monday, October 26, 2020.

In closing, I would share that while these are challenging times, by working together we will succeed in overcoming the obstacles COVID 19 presents. Please know that we have only the best interests of our students and staff at the forefront of our decisions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Romona N. Wenck".
Romona N. Wenck, Interim Superintendent