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Dear Woodbridge Township:

As promised, here are the statistics from the Woodbridge Township School District Video Update. If you have not seen this week's video, it can be found at: <https://youtu.be/nzccnN11VDM>

Our current daily new case rate was 1,182 yesterday. For comparison, that number was 4,059 on 4/15; 1,028 on 5/14; and 177 on 7/20. We are currently on an uptick that we are watching closely.

As of now, we have had 46 confirmed positive COVID cases. This number includes all staff and students, in-person and remote. We currently have four of our 25 schools switched to fully-remote because of either the number of cases at the school or lack of staffing due to quarantining. The schools are as follows: JFK HS, Pennsylvania Ave Elementary School #27, Mawbey St Elementary School #1, and Kennedy Park Elementary School #24. The other 21 schools are instructing on our hybrid schedule.

We have had at least one in-person, positive case reported at the following schools: #1, #23, #24, #25, #27, #29, AMS, CMS, FMS, WMS, JFK, WHS.

We have 13,692 students. 7,874 (57.5%) fully-remote and 5,818 (42.5%) hybrid.

We continue to work with the Woodbridge Department of Health, NJ Department of Education, and the NJ Department of Health to monitor community safety conditions. We use scientific metrics to assess the safety of our schools. Many of these can be found at the following links: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_19_Report_Week_41.pdf. and <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

Our quarantining and school closure decisions are made using the NJ DOH guidelines found at: https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12_Schools.pdf.

We are very concerned with the increase in the number of cases in NJ and here in Woodbridge Township. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our highest priority and will guide our decision-making throughout.

For now, **WE WILL REMAIN ON OUR HYBRID INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE.** If we need to switch to fully-remote, we will notify everyone ASAP. Meanwhile, please be prepared for that possibility. If conditions deteriorate, may have to decide quickly.

Finally, parents, you can rest assured that you will continue to have a choice to switch your child to fully remote at any time. Even if we remain on hybrid instruction, parents can always switch to remote if they are more comfortable with that mode of instruction.

Stay safe.