

Regional School Unit #2

Dresden – Farmingdale – Hallowell – Monmouth – Richmond

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RE: Contact Tracing Situation at Marcia Buker Elementary

Dear RSU community,

We received information yesterday that the CDC is working on a contact tracing situation that involves one positive case connected to Marcia Buker Elementary School.

At this moment, no other school is impacted by the case in this situation.

CDC assures us that with mask wearing and the other safety precautions we have in place, secondary contact is not a risk that would require quarantine or testing. So even if you or your child were near a person who was a “close contact” with the person with a positive test, there is no risk to you.

Any staff member or student deemed to be a close contact will receive detailed information and directions related to isolation, testing, quarantine, and criteria needing to be met to return to school both from the school and the CDC. We understand that the CDC conducts daily check in calls with all identified close contacts, and CDC determines when each can end quarantine and return to school. The staff and students deemed close contacts will not return to school until cleared to do so by the CDC. Some additional students have been contacted and assigned to remote learning because the staff responsible for the majority of their instructional program are remote for quarantine purposes. Those students will be asked to return as soon as we have staffing back in place.

We believe that students should be at school, if and when it is safe to do so. The building will be sanitized a second time today in preparation for Monday. Out of an abundance of caution, we had the school go fully remote today so we could determine the extent of the impact of the close contact list. Thankfully, the situation was contained well by our safety protocols and groupings. Therefore, the school will return to the regular hybrid schedule starting on Monday, 11/2

These situations are stressful for everyone, but especially for those closest to the situation. Please be supportive, protect the privacy of others, and demonstrate the RSU Community compassion that makes us strong.

Be kind, be safe, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Tonya Arnold
Superintendent