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**Tim Terranova, Ed.D.,** *Superintendent of Schools*

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Dear Families,

As you know Governor Cuomo announced that the town of Victor (area code 14564) may be designated a Yellow Zone, meaning we have a micro-cluster of COVID-19 cases in this area. As of now, **we have not heard official word that this is occurring**. In anticipation of the possible Yellow Zone designation, we need to have a plan. As we've discussed, schools are some of the safest places in our community. Although we have had almost 50 students test positive for COVID-19, none have caught it in school or in a school related activity. We must remember this fact as our community prepares for this possible designation.

Below is a general guideline of steps our District will take **if** our zip code is designated a Yellow Zone.

1. If we end up with a Yellow Zone designation, we will still have school open for in-person learning. The Yellow Zone designation adds testing requirements during the school day but keeps our schools open.
2. Please click on the following [link](#) for a Parent/Guardian permission letter asking permission for your child/children to be tested.

We will not test students without parent consent. We are sending the permission slip now so that if we move into a Yellow Zone, we will have a head start with the required testing. We will not administer the test without letting you know first.

3. According to the Yellow Zone designation, we would need to randomly test 20% of our students and staff the first week in order to stay open for in-person instruction. This is why we are sending the permission form with this note. **We can only remain open for in-person learning if we have enough students and staff to test to meet these requirements .**
4. The rapid tests being used in schools are nothing like the tests that have been used in the past. They take a few seconds and only probe in the shallow area of a person's nostrils. There is no pain associated with these tests and we will have trained individuals administer them.
5. We will create videos similar to neighboring districts to show everyone how easy the test is to administer.
6. We will have more specific information about the process for testing, how we record the results, how we communicate with families, and other next steps if the state designates the Victor community as a Yellow Zone.

Again, our preparation, along with collaboration between home and school is key to our success. We appreciate your flexibility and continued efforts to help us keep school open for in-person learning.

In addition to this information, the Ontario County Public Health Department (OCPH) informed us that two students from VSH were confirmed to have contracted COVID 19. We do not believe anyone will need to be quarantined from any school related contact with these students. Our updated numbers are below.

The OCPH has advised us that classes, athletics, and extracurricular activities should continue as scheduled. We are asking that all families work with your children to make sure they are practicing social distancing and mask wearing outside of school. The next few weeks will be critical to determining if we can stay with in-person learning as we move through December and into 2021.

<b>November 24, 2020</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Cases Still Active</b>	<b>Cases completed/returned to school</b>
Staff	19	3	16
Students	50	6	44
Total	69	9	60

Finally, I hope that you and your family have a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday. I could not be prouder to be the Superintendent of this resilient community that has constantly put our children first. We are all in this together.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Terranova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Terranova  
Superintendent