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Dear High Point Community:

We have received notification of one confirmed positive COVID case and one presumed positive COVID case within our school community. There is typically a gap of 3-10 days between when an individual tests positive and the Sussex County Department of Health (SCDOH) is able to officially confirm that the positive case appears in the state database.

High Point administration and staff have consulted with the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in our efforts to properly follow recommended guidelines in *The Road Forward*, as updated by the NJDOH and NJDOE, on August 20, 2021. Contact tracing has been completed, all parties have been notified, and all necessary and appropriate protocols have been followed. Any impact on scheduled activities has been communicated to those involved; these cases should have no further impact on school activities.

High Point remains in contact with the various government oversight agencies in our efforts to ensure our students and community are afforded a full educational and life experience, in a safe and positive environment. We believe that experience is best when provided on-site and among one's peers. Please consider this important SCDOH reminder:

> *The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea. Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Parents of students exhibiting flu-like symptoms or staff members exhibiting flu-like symptoms are asked to contact a school nurse, local health authorities or the Sussex Department of Health.*

We are continuing to monitor this situation and will provide you with updates, as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Ripley [SRipley@hpregional.org], Principal Jon Tallamy [JTallamy@hpregional.org] or call the school at 973.875.3101: we will respond to all inquiries, as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,



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