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Dear High Point Community:

Today, High Point was notified that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. Although this case represents our second COVID-19 case ([11/19/20 Letter to HP Community](#)) within a short period of time, the circumstances are such that it is not necessary for High Point to suspend in-person activities.

School districts are required to suspend in-person activities when there are multiple, active, cases of COVID-19 within a school community; and an investigation determines that a link between the cases exists which identifies that the spread of COVID-19 likely occurred within the school setting. Such instances are classified as “outbreaks” by local health departments. High Point does not have an outbreak, and no in-person activities have been cancelled or postponed.

High Point has been in direct consultation with the Sussex County Department of Health (SCDOH) regarding our response to this case. Our investigation concluded that some members of the school community may have had close contact with the individual who tested positive. Those individuals have been contacted directly by High Point. They will also be contacted directly by the SCDOH regarding quarantine protocols.

Our administrative team has been immersed in daily consultation with the SCDOH. Earlier today I participated in a lengthy meeting with my fellow Sussex County superintendents, our Executive County Superintendent, Dr. Rosalie Lamonte and the County Department of Health epidemiologist, Dr. Lama Chaddad. Their guidance has been invaluable throughout this school year; it also continues to inform our approach to the weighty question of whether or not to suspend in-person instruction. I addressed these concerns at length in a [letter I shared with you on Tuesday, November 17](#). We are continuing to monitor this situation and will provide you with frequent and timely 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 973.875.7204 or 973.875.3101: we will respond to all inquiries, as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,



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