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Dear High Point Community:

This afternoon, January 3, 2021, High Point was notified by the Sussex County Department of Health epidemiologist that due to four positive COVID cases, traced back to the week prior to the winter break, High Point has been mandated by the Department of Health to enter virtual learning for the next two days: Monday, January 4 and Tuesday, January 5. Contact tracing has been conducted. Wednesday, January 6 remains a virtual day; High Point will return to on-site learning on Thursday, January 7 with Cohort A. We are sorry for the late notice and any inconvenience that may result from this mandate.

As we communicated prior to the break, we will be utilizing our <u>Fully Remote Learning Schedule</u> on days like tomorrow through Wednesday, when there is no on-site learning being conducted. As this schedule indicates, on fully remote learning days, the first instructional block will begin at 8:30 a.m. When we return to in-person learning on Thursday, January 7, the first block will begin at 7:35, as it has all along using our regular 2020-21 Bell Schedule.

High Point continues to communicate with our local Department of Health. Please continue to refer to this important 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 and every 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 973.875.7204 or 973.875.3101: we will respond to all inquiries, as soon as we are able.

Sincerely,

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