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Dear Hornet students & parents:

I was contacted today by the Clinton County Health Department and informed of new active COVID cases within our school community. More specifically, one faculty member and two students have tested positive. These cases affect Stafford Middle School and Plattsburgh High School.

Because our district moved preemptively to remote instruction for the two-week period following the Thanksgiving recess, there are no exposure or contact tracing implications stemming from the school setting. This is fortunate, because as we experienced at PHS prior to Thanksgiving, we would certainly be discussing closure of these schools or of the entire district had we been in the hybrid mode of delivery this week.

At present, our plan remains to return to the hybrid mode of instructional delivery on Monday, December 14th, but actual COVID data (both from within our school community and regionally) will be used to affirm this decision. The district's Reopening Planning Committee will meet next Wednesday to examine intra-district and County-wide infection data and the scope of isolation/quarantine cases. Similarly, the data which emerges in the coming days and week(s) will help inform whether another temporary move to remote instruction following the Christmas recess is appropriate. A decision about this post-Christmas move to remote may be made in mid-December.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your School Nurse or Building Administrator if you have questions.

With thanks,

Jay Lebrun Superintendent of Schools