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Dear Families and Staff,

This weekend, the District was informed by the Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) that two new students have tested positive for COVID-19, one at Dake Junior High School and one at Irondequoit High School.

After completing its investigation, the MCDPH has determined these cases are not related to one another. Both students contracted the virus outside of school and neither were in school buildings while infectious. The infected students are in isolation and will not return to in-person learning until being released by County health officials. At this time, contact tracing has been completed. Anyone at risk of exposure to these students outside of school has been contacted by MCDPH and placed into a mandatory quarantine. If you or your child were not contacted, there is no risk of exposure. We cannot disclose any more details or personally identifiable information per federal privacy laws.

Please direct any questions related to potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or quarantining to the MCDPH. Call (585) 753-5555 or email COVID19@monroecounty.gov.

To clarify information about last Wednesday's press release on positive tests: Two new cases were reported at that time – both students at the Rogers Middle School. One was found to be transmitted outside of school, and contact tracing on the other case was inconclusive on where transmission occurred. In an abundance of caution, a single class was placed in mandatory quarantine as a result. Those students and staff will not return in-person to school until released by the MCDPH.

Except for the one inconclusive case, the transmission of COVID-19 continues to occur outside of school. **I urge students, families and staff to remain diligent and always practice the recommended State Department of Health safety measures.** They are:

- Remain physically distanced by 6 feet or more when possible
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when in close contact
- Practice hand hygiene regularly

Even though the local infection rates remain low, we can continue to minimize the spread of COVID-19 through our collective commitment to these recommended practices. Together, we will continue to safeguard the joint health of our schools and the Irondequoit community.

In partnership,

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Superintendent of Schools