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Greetings,

Today the District was informed that a third grade student had tested positive for COVID-19. The exposure to the virus happened outside of the school environment. The FRES staff did contact tracing and the information that was brought forward indicated that since the third grade ate lunch, had snack and had recess together; finding out who had contact with the student in a manner that would cause transmission was not possible.

Working with the FRES administration and health staff, it was determined that all third grade students would go to a remote model for the remainder of this school week. All families that are affected were contacted by phone by the staff at FRES. The teachers and grade level staff will also be working remotely. Teachers will be on-line tomorrow morning and throughout the week. The New Hampshire Department of Public Health was contacted.

We do understand that the new CDC standards and recommendations from the state indicate that social distancing is adequate if it is three feet or greater when students are wearing masks. The issue at hand is that during lunch, snack and recess students do not wear masks. Also when students are in a large group, they speak louder and the chances of transmission grow with a raised voice.

Students in the other grades at FRES, WLC and LCS are not affected by this temporary stay at home time period. Third grade students do not need to be tested. If any student demonstrates symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your health care provider.

We will continue to be vigilant in working to keep students safe at all times. We are all getting fatigued by the effects of the pandemic and I know we are near the end. Thank you for your patience as we work together in making sure that we are doing everything to keep our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Lane