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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Once again, I am writing to inform families that we have had more positive COVID-19 cases within the Belle Vernon Area School District. Today we were notified of positive cases in all of our school buildings. We had to contact trace in some but not in every building. You would have been notified by the school district today if you were in close contact with a positive individual. We take contact tracing very seriously and are following all the recommendations from the PA Department of Health.

Please monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep them home if they are showing any symptoms. As you know, we are going to remote instruction after the Thanksgiving break for all students. On December 7, 2020 at our work session, we will be evaluating the status of our community and the number of positive COVID-19 cases to determine what will happen for the remainder of December and into January. We want to give parents and families as much notification as we can, but we also want to make decisions that are based on real time data as much as we can.

I hope that all of you will follow the recent recommendations from the PA Department of Health and practice social distancing during this break. I believe that if we all work together, we can get the spread of COVID-19 under control and get our students back into school full time. Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele Dowell
Superintendent of Schools