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Dear Grand Island Families:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the positive cases that were reported to the Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") that are **not** related to our District rapid testing initiative but occurred during our Christmas vacation. These cases were reported to us today, January 6. These cases are **not included** in any of the samples identified in the round of our Grand Island Central Schools District Orange Zone Testing Program, and does **not** count towards our building-based positive case thresholds as outlined in the New York State Department of Health Micro-Cluster Initiative.

Please be advised that there were **4 individuals** throughout the District who tested **positive for COVID-19 during the Christmas vacation from December 23 – January 4**. Specifically, there was, 1 attributed to our VCMS and 3 attributed to our Grand Island High School. The District remains in contact with the Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") regarding these cases, and the District is following all of the ECDOH's directives and guidance to help prevent the potential spread of the virus.

The ECDOH is in the process of contact tracing all potentially affected individuals. You could hear directly from the ECDOH if you or your children are determined to be at potential risk, **but it is highly unlikely because all of these cases were "off-site"**.

This letter **does not mean** that you or your children were necessarily exposed to or in close contact with the individuals who tested positive for the virus. Rather, we are simply informing you of the positive cases. It is important that we all continue to comply with established health and safety protocols like social distancing, face coverings, good hand hygiene practices and monitoring for symptoms, among other equally important preventative measures. If you or your children do experience any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and contact your physician.

We ask that you please respect the privacy of any individual in our school community who has tested positive and, instead, focus on the measures that we know to be effective in stopping the spread of the virus.

Sincerely,



Brian Graham, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools