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Dear Skaneateles family,

As we inch closer towards February Break, we can look to last week as a stark reminder that COVID-19 remains a dangerous presence in our community. We learned of 10 new infections which resulted in 90 students, faculty and staff being placed into quarantine. We are quickly approaching a situation similar to December where we were forced into remote instruction. Staffing concerns are not limited to faculty and staff as infections and quarantine orders exacerbate an already critical bus driver shortage throughout the state. If our busses are unable to run, school will be forced back into a remote learning model. Right now we are a single driver away from that reality.

While the high number of infection notifications last week are cause for alarm, we continue to do whatever we can to mitigate risk, to keep our school community safe, and to protect our ability to provide the in-person learning opportunities our kids need and deserve. This week many of our faculty and staff will receive their second vaccinations and we will continue to partner with the Onondaga County Department of Health to provide testing opportunities for both school and community members.

*Tomorrow, 2/10/2021 we will host community-wide COVID-19 testing at our district offices. This opportunity is open to anyone in our community who wishes to receive a rapid nasal swab test and is provided for asymptomatic individuals only. Registrations are on a first come-first served basis.

Date: 2/10/2021
Location: 45 East Elizabeth Street, Skaneateles NY 13152
Time: 9:00-3:00
Type of Test: Rapid, Nasal Swab (less invasive)
Who can register? Anyone in the community (not limited to school personnel) Asymptomatic only
How do I register? [Register here for testing](#)

To everyone in our school community, we urge caution over the coming break. We saw spikes in infection rates after each and every break this year so this is a pivotal moment. Our ability to expand in-person learning, to increase opportunities for the arts, clubs, and activities as well as our ability to provide opportunities for students to participate in athletics all hang in the balance.

The resilience in this community is easy to see and I know that in working together we can endure what remains of this pandemic. Please stay safe and healthy and do everything in your power to mitigate risk in the coming weeks. Our kids deserve it. The data revealed at the end of February break will determine what the rest of this year looks like for our kids.

Stronger together,

Eric Knuth
Superintendent of Schools