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Dear Skaneateles family,

Today we saw record numbers of COVID-19 infections reported at Skaneateles Schools. At our high school we learned of two positive cases which resulted in seven students and one teacher being placed into quarantine. At our middle school we learned of one additional case but, thankfully, there was limited contact and no need for additional individuals to be placed into quarantine. At Waterman Elementary we have one staff member who tested positive which resulted in additional faculty, staff, and students being placed into quarantine. Lastly we learned of additional infections within our transportation department and we are still in the process of contact tracing to determine who else may be placed into mandatory quarantine by either the Onondaga County or Cayuga County Health Department. Any families impacted will be contacted directly by the building principals if they have not been already.

COVID-19 infections and related notices of isolation and quarantine by the County Health Departments have added increased strain to an already difficult to manage substitute shortage within the school district. This shortage exists with classroom substitutes and is especially significant with substitute school bus drivers state wide. While we continue to adapt, to reassign, and problem solve, there will be a point where these shortages will require a closure.

Thank you for your understanding that confidentiality and privacy laws limit what we are able to share. School will resume tomorrow 12/1/2020 district wide.

Please stay safe and be especially vigilant as we are seeing record rates of infection in our region and within our own community.

Stronger together,

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