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All,

I was informed today that we have a new positive Covid-19 case in our educational community. Contact tracing has been completed.

I have received a few questions about when the decision will be made to close schools and move to remote learning. The decision is contemplated with each positive COVID-19 case that emerges in the Dudley-Charlton RSD. A key component reviewed and in determining the need for a move to shutter our schools for full remote learning is if we have evidence of transmission or spread in our schools as a result of a positive COVID-19 case. To date, we have no evidence through contact tracing and quarantines that a positive COVID-19 case in our educational community was a result of attending in-person learning in our schools. Additionally, we work with our Health Director and Health Agent to understand the circumstances in our communities. While this would not be an easy decision, we do rely on open line of communication and understanding the facts to make the best decision.

It is our strongest belief that our current in-person learning model and the mitigating strategies do work to prevent transmission in our schools. Daily self-certification/pre-screening for students and staff has also played an integral part in our ability to understand and control the integrity of our school environments. What has also been most effective is that parents/caregivers have kept their children home if they are sick and our staff has done the same.

While none of this is perfect or easy, we must continue to work together and follow the direction of our school nurses and community health agents. They have done an excellent job under these circumstance and we must collectively support their work through this pandemic.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools