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All,

I write today, Sunday, November 15, 2020 as we learned of three (3) new positive COVID-19 cases in our educational community this weekend. All contact tracing is complete. Additionally, through contact tracing and quarantine records with our local health agents, we do not have evidence that these cases are connected to each other or as a result of attending in-person learning in our schools.

I know this information continues to add to the unrest but it is obvious that we have increased cases within our state. With that said, we must continue to effectively keep COVID-19 out of our schools. Most critical to us, is that we do not have evidence that the increased positivity rate is a result of attendance to our schools. We must put forth every effort, together, to get through this today, tomorrow and in the coming weeks. Now more than ever, it is important that we keep our orbit or circle small and continue to follow all of the required in-person learning mitigating strategies of mask wearing, washing of hands, and maintaining a safe distance as they do work.

Families and staff have done an amazing job of understanding the symptoms and acting proactively. We appreciate your efforts to keep COVID-19 out of our schools. Please continue to monitor your child's well-being and complete the daily self-certification, district pre-screening form as this action alone improves our ability to keep everyone safe and healthy during in-person learning.

Remember, COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms may have:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- The emergence of unexplained
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Congestion or runny nose

We must continue to work together and prevent unnecessary spreads of COVID-19 in our communities and in the Dudley-Charlton RSD. We greatly appreciate your open communication with our school nurses and meeting all of the requirements necessary to increase the longevity of in-person learning in the Dudley-Charlton RSD.

Lastly, we recognize and appreciate the work of our town health agents, Boards of Health and school nurses to maintain confidentiality and record keeping that helps us continue with in-person learning.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools