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**Dudley-Charlton Regional School District** <notifications@dcrsd.org>

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To: Dudley-Charlton Regional School District &lt;notifications@dcrsd.org&gt;

All,

I am writing to share that all contact tracing is complete regarding the three cases identified today.

In addition, I want to share some more information as I have received a large volume of communications in the last 48 hours. To start, I completely understand the need to know what town or what school the positive COVID-19 case originated. Unfortunately, we cannot provide identifying information as our role is to protect the health, well-being and safety of every individual, including those who are positive COVID-19. I know this is unsettling if you are not positive COVID-19, but what we have learned is that community members stop at nothing to find out who it is or who they believe it is and then post something on social media. Our approach is if this was your child, parent, sister, brother, husband, wife, or you what would you expect of us. To further explain why we do not identify a town or a school is that it is not that simple as the schools only play a part of one's daily life and contact tracing often goes well beyond the school day, across schools and towns. Our health agents are working very quickly to complete contact tracing for our schools and communities with these positive COVID-19 cases. You will be contacted by a health agent if you or your child is impacted by the identified positive COVID-19 case. An email will be sent indicating all contact tracing is completed in the DCRSD.

Next, I want to share that communications I have received in the last 48 hours continue to provide strong positions about schooling in the Dudley-Charlton RSD. I have received messages to close the schools for 14 days, go full remote through the holidays and on the flip side requests for more in-person learning or quite frankly full in-person learning now. I received a request to stop emailing families about positive COVID-19 cases and as previously mentioned requests for more details.

The administrative team, health agents and all educators will continue to work on everything as we have for months. We plan daily for more in-person learning and prepare for any movement to more remote learning. With each move, there is the potential for an impact to what we have now. Our goal is to minimize the impact with everything we know. We have received inquiries for more students to move to full remote learning and if those numbers increase we will potentially need to reassign educators to balance the instructional environments. We are leveraging every resource we have and can only make adjustments based on the choices of DCRSD families. Please note that moves from full remote learning to hybrid or in-person learning could take up-to four weeks to complete as we must balance instructional environments.

We will continue to work hard to thread the needle in this pandemic for Dudley-Charlton RSD families and educators.

Respectfully,

Steven M. Lamarche

Superintendent of Schools