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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you today to seek your help with an increasing concern. As you have heard over the past several weeks COVID positive cases have been on the rise all across the country. We here at Norwayne Local Schools are seeing that trend as well. Upon our return from the holiday break we anticipated reported cases to go up which they did but were not higher than what we have had in the past. However, this week we saw a spike in our numbers. During this entire 18 month period of dealing with COVID we have not had numbers this high.

I know all of us believe there is a big benefit of having our children in school on a daily basis but we want to do that in a safe manner. What we are beginning to see is that students may be exposed and do not have symptoms at first but are developing them several days later. We learned from last year and the beginning of this school year that quarantining helps slow the spread down and is the most effective method. Closing our schools for a period of time is the last thing we want to do.

I realize the CDC has come out with new information and recommendations on quarantine and mask guidelines that state students can come back earlier. However, for the benefit of everyone and our schools, we need to slow these numbers down and take some precautions to do it. During this time of increased numbers of cases, I am asking you to please keep your children home if you have anyone in your household showing symptoms. Since we are heading into a long weekend with Monday being a holiday and Wednesday being a two hour delay day this may be the perfect time for this and help us with this growing concern.

Thank you for your understanding of this matter and continued support of Norwayne Local Schools.

Sincerely,

Kevin Leatherman
Superintendent
Norwayne Local Schools