October 12, 2020

Dear Hopewell Parents/Guardians,

Over the weekend, the administration became aware of five positive COVID19 cases. Initially, the district was first notified that one of our 11th grade students at Hopewell High School tested positive for COVID19. This student was last in our building on October 6, 2020.

As we continued to investigate and speak with families, we were notified that four additional students in the same family tested positive. These students are in grades 11, 8, 6, and 4. The 4th grader attends Hopewell Elementary, while the other students attend the Junior and Senior High School. These students were last in our buildings the morning of October 8, 2020.

Since receiving this information, we have begun the process of identifying individuals that may have come in contact with these individuals and/or the students’ family members during the time frame provided to us. The District will continue its increased efforts to clean and sanitize all learning spaces, but will focus additional attention in the rooms and school busses in which these students were present.

We have been in contact with the PA Department of Health, which is currently engaging in the difficult work of contact tracing and communication with families. Additionally, if any recommendations from the PA Department of Health are given to the District, those recommendations will be shared with families, as applicable.

Please know that we are making every effort to keep the Hopewell Area School District students safe and to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID19. You can help us with these efforts by monitoring your child’s health and communicating with your family physician when symptoms necessitate additional scrutiny.

With Viking PRIDE-

Dr. Michelle Miller
Superintendent