Dear Hopewell Parents/Guardians,

This morning, the administration was notified that one of our 5th grade students at Hopewell Memorial Junior High School tested positive for COVID19. This student was last in school on Thursday, November 5, 2020. The District will have the student’s classroom and learning spaces at Junior High building disinfected.

We have contacted the Department of Health. While we wait for further guidance, we are in the process of communicating with all close contacts at this time. We believe that anyone who is a close contact should be notified by school personnel by the end of the school day. Close contacts who are currently in school, are being sent home. Close contacts will be required to quarantine for 14 days, with the dates of the quarantine determined by exposure date.

Please remember that only close contacts are required to quarantine. Secondary contacts or “contacts of contacts” are not required to quarantine. Please, however, be diligent in assessing your child’s health each day, as even minor symptoms can be a sign of the COVID19 virus.

With this being a separate and second positive COVID case within the past week for the Junior High, we are still awaiting further guidance if the Junior High is to move to “virtual learning” on Thursday and Friday of this week. As soon as we receive a recommendation from an epidemiologist at the Department of Health, we will communicate the decision with the parents of Junior High students as to whether to remain in hybrid or move to virtual learning for the remainder of the week. If we move to virtual learning, Junior High students should click here to follow this schedule for the possibility of synchronous instruction on Microsoft Teams.

We have placed a Parent FAQ on the District website regarding questions parents may have about contact tracing by the Department of Health, sending sick students home from school, quarantine and isolation, holiday travel, etc...

Should you have questions, please reach out to your building school nurse or principal. Our priority remains focused on the safety of all students, families and staff.

With Viking PRIDE-

Dr. Michelle Miller
Superintendent