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Dear Sussex-Wantage Community:

This notification is to inform you that we have five unrelated individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms in our school community. At this time, we also have one additional COVID positive individual. Due to the Department of Health's classification of our region as "High-Risk" or "orange" we are required to exercise more caution and to treat these cases aggressively as if they were already confirmed. We have notified the Sussex County Department of Health (DOH) and followed their guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Based upon these new developments and the *recommendation* of the DOH, the most prudent response at this juncture is to continue remote instruction for next week. All Sussex-Wantage Schools will be closed to in person instruction next week. During that time, all students should continue to attend their classes virtually. In person instruction is now scheduled to resume on Tuesday, January 19th with Cohort B students. (Monday January 18th, schools are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea. Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. ***As always, individuals with symptoms of any illness should not report to school.*** We apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused and thank you for your patience as we worked through this challenge together.

Sincerely

Michael Gall
Superintendent/Principal CE Lawrence School