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Happy Valentine's Day, Thompson Families!

I want to provide you all with a COVID-19 update to keep you informed of the impact the virus is currently having on the district. We are doing our best to keep as many students as we can learning onsite. Health and safety for everyone in our schools will always be our top priority.

As you know, Thompson Middle School students shifted back to remote learning last week. It was anticipated that all middle school students could return to school for onsite learning on Thursday, February 18, 2021. Yesterday, we received notice that students, faculty, and staff in grade seven were exposed to the COVID-19 virus and must quarantine for a more extended period. This new exposure also impacts students who rode on bus #7 as well. As a result, the entire seventh-grade students and identified staff members must remain on remote learning. They will return to school on **February 24, 2021**.

If you received a voice message from one of the district's school nurses and did not connect, please contact Shannon Grauer, Director of Nurses at Sgrauer@thompsonpublicschools.org, or by phone (860) 617-3873. Mrs. Grauer will provide you with important quarantine information and inform you when your child may return to school.

I realize that the constant communication changes can be cumbersome; however, our goal is to keep as many students learning full time at school as possible. We are making every effort to safely keep our schools operating and avoid returning the entire school to remote instruction. Your patience and understanding are much appreciated.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's school nurse or contact Mrs. Grauer.

To recap, as of today, the following students will return to school on Thursday, February 18th.

- All students at Mary R Fisher Elementary School
- Thompson Middle School students in grades 5, 6 and 8
- All students at Tourtellotte Memorial High School

I will keep you updated with any changes to school schedules.



Sincerely,

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