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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians,

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced that sections of Onondaga County, including areas within NSCSD boundaries, are now designated as "Yellow Zone" microclusters.

Microclusters are classified as either yellow, orange or red based on the positive testing rate over seven days. [The New York State Department of Health has indicated that the following NSCSD schools are located in yellow zones:](#)

- Allen Road Elementary
- KWS Bear Road Elementary
- Roxboro Road Elementary
- Roxboro Road Middle School
- North Syracuse Junior High School
- North Syracuse Early Education Program (Main Street)

"Yellow Zone" schools can only continue operating in-person if they test 20% of students and staff on campus each week. The District is in discussion with the Onondaga County Executive's Office about possible strategies for conducting these required tests. It will be necessary for parents to give permission for their child to be tested with a rapid, non-invasive nasal swab. To this end, the District will be distributing a survey to determine if our parents would be supportive of having their children tested for COVID-19.

Over the next few days, we will seek feedback from families and work with Onondaga County to determine our options for COVID-19 testing. As soon as we have more information, we will provide an update.

Please be sure to check our website (www.nscsd.org/updates) dedicated to updating the community about this important health issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools