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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians:

As we head into the month of December I would like to update you on how we will be sharing information on COVID-19 and ask for your continued support.

The New York State Department of Health and Department of Education has created a COVID-19 School Report Card. NSCSD updates the School Report Card each school day. This is an excellent resource that provides the following information:

- *An indication if a school is located in a red, orange, or yellow zone*
- *The total number of staff, teachers, hybrid students, and remote students who have tested positive over the last 7 and 14 days*
- *The total number of staff, teachers, and students in a school*
- *A graphical representation of the seven day trend in each school*

The School report card is located at <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home> and is posted on the NSCSD website. To view information for the entire North Syracuse Central School District, click the public schools button and then type "North Syracuse CSD" into the search box. To view information for an individual school, type that school's name into the search box.

Given the increase in community spread and volume of letters sent, we will no longer send separate letters for each positive case. The District will continue to communicate directly with parents and guardians when their child is exposed and when school schedules are impacted. Additionally, the District will begin sending official Quarantine notices via e-mail on behalf of Onondaga County Department of Health when students and staff are quarantined.

To help the NSCSD respond to positive cases in a timely and effective manner we request that parents contact the school nurse any time a student tests positive. This will assist with contact tracing and communicating with the NSCSD community.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles
Superintendent of Schools