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Dear Kearsarge Community,

As you likely know, there was one confirmed positive COVID 19 case in the 6th grade, which prompted KRMS to have all sixth grade students learn from home today so that we could institute the contact tracing and cleaning protocols.

At this time, the Middle School staff and administration working with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) have identified any individuals who would be considered to have been in close contact with the COVID positive individual. Close contact is considered to be within six feet for ten or more cumulative minutes. All of the seating plans at KRMS allow for six feet of social distancing in classrooms and we have consistent seating plans across classes. This allowed us to identify those potential contacts rapidly. NH DHHS has contacted any staff member or family of a student considered to have been in close contact.

An intensive cleaning team from the district came to KRMS this morning to institute the deep cleaning procedures in all spaces in which the positive student was present. These procedures were completed this afternoon by the team.

Based on the determination by NH DHHS and their specific guidance, KRMS will resume in-person learning for staff and all students who had previously signed up for in-person learning on Thursday, September 24, 2020 unless otherwise notified by NH DHHS. Sports will also resume as scheduled tomorrow.

The District and school have received very positive feedback from NH DHHS regarding our procedures and response. We are taking this as an opportunity to review our practices and improve in any areas we can.

Thank you for your support and consideration as we worked through the last 24 hours, it has been greatly appreciated. We will continue to provide relevant information as it becomes available.

Respectfully,

Michael Bessette  
Assistant Superintendent