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Dear North Branch Parents & Guardians,

Good afternoon,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. Since my last communication on Monday, we have been notified of two positive cases at our high school and two positive cases in our Ruth Fox Middle School. As a reminder, the high school was mandated to close for in-person instruction two weeks ago (November 18) and immediately transitioned to remote learning. We remain committed to 100% transparency and will continue to update our community as we are informed of positive cases in our district. Please go to nbbronzos.net for the latest COVID-19 Dashboard updates:

- High School: We were informed late Monday afternoon an adult who works at the high school received a positive result for COVID-19. This individual has not been in our district since November 12.
- High School: We were informed yesterday afternoon another adult who works at the high school received a positive result for COVID-19. This individual last worked on November 24 and had no close contacts with any other individuals.
- Ruth Fox Middle School: We were informed today that two students tested positive for COVID-19. One of the students has not been in school since November 17 and did not start having symptoms until Thanksgiving break. The other student was exposed over Thanksgiving break and has not been in school since November 24.

As always, North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered close contacts. It was determined no other students or staff were exposed to any of the four individuals.

School safety continues to be our highest priority. Since we can only control the safety measures established in our buildings, it is incumbent on all of us to continue to work together to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We remind all of our families to prevent the spread of COVID-19, individuals should continue to adhere to the following safety measures:

- Do not attend school if you are sick;
- Frequent hand washing helps prevent the spread of the virus;
- Avoid touching your face and shaking hands with others;
- Continue to follow the guidelines for social distancing and the wearing of clean masks.

Those individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will not return to school until public health officials clear them to return. Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish
North Branch Superintendent