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Update from Superintendent Jim Fish
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Good afternoon,

I trust everyone had a restful and relaxing winter break. With today's reopening of our high school, we are grateful to be able to provide in-person instruction to our students. We will continue to work diligently to provide a safe learning environment for our teachers, staff, and students. Over the past two weeks, our custodial crew deep cleaned all locker rooms, bathrooms, cafeterias and gyms while disinfecting all classrooms throughout the district.

We will continue to take all the required precautions to minimize the risk of exposure to the coronavirus. However, this past weekend I was informed of two students who attend the Ruth Fox Middle School tested positive over break. Both of those students have been in quarantine and will return to school in the next few days. In addition, a high school student tested positive yesterday afternoon and has been placed in quarantine. North Branch Area Schools, in partnership with the Lapeer County Health Department, conducted contact tracing to identify anyone considered a close contact of this individual. We have notified one other student of the requirement to quarantine based on having contact with the positive student.

We remind all of our families to prevent the spread of COVID-19, individuals should continue to the following:

- Do not attend school if you are sick;
- Frequent handwashing 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.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Sincerely,



Jim Fish
North Branch Superintendent