



WANTAGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools

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John McNamara
Superintendent

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Dear Wantagh School Community,

The Wantagh School District has received confirmation from the Nassau County Department of Health that an adult member of the Wantagh community has a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) and is being treated in the hospital. As shared yesterday, the community member has a child who attends Wantagh High School. The immediate family members of the community resident had been self-quarantined, and they have received negative test results. They will remain under mandatory quarantine for fourteen days. At this time, the Department of Health advises us that no school closings are necessary, as there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) for students or staff in the Wantagh School District.

Over the past several weeks, please know that we have initiated expanded cleaning protocols and daily disinfection for all buildings, and we will continue to do so. We have also coordinated with our bus company to have additional cleaning protocols put in place.

We will continue to work with public health officials. In accordance with guidance from the New York State Department of Health, if a student or staff member has a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19), schools are required to close for one day to allow for the Health Department to investigate. After this investigation, the Department of Health will make the determination for a future plan of action, which may include additional days of closure. Parents should be prepared for potential closings, including making arrangements for childcare. If a lengthy school closure ever becomes necessary, we have been planning for ways for student learning to still move forward.

Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students and staff. We will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

John C. McNamara

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