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Dear Burrillville Community Members,

As you know, the Covid positivity rate across the state is rising. We are also experiencing a rise in Covid cases at all of our schools. Compounding this problem is the need for unvaccinated close contacts to quarantine and for symptomatic individuals to isolate. Our number of absences across all schools has been high for both students and staff. Throughout this week, we are averaging approximately 430 absent students (21%) and 38 absent teachers (19%).

RIDOH is expected to release revised quarantine and isolation protocols for K-12 settings in the coming days. Hopefully, this will address the amount of time that otherwise healthy individuals are required to quarantine and/or isolate. However, at this time no changes have been made.

Thus, we will be moving to distance learning for Thursday, January 6th and Friday, January 7th. We are sending this communication out as early as possible to give families time to plan accordingly. You can find a summary of our general distance learning plans [HERE](#). You may also receive a communication directly from your child's school about specific expectations for these days. Any additional questions should be addressed via email to your child's classroom teacher or school principal. After school events will take place as normally scheduled unless otherwise noted.

Please know that we do not make these decisions lightly. We make every effort to safely maintain in-person teaching and learning. However, we have reached the point where this move is necessary to ensure consistent instruction for all students. We appreciate your support and understanding during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Yours,

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