



20 October 2020

Dear Families of Avon Public Schools and Community Members:

We were notified today, October 20, 2020, that a member of the Thompson Brook School community as well as a member of the Avon High School community have tested positive for COVID-19. As we did previously, we immediately enacted our protocols, consulted with the Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD) and began the process of collecting information to determine our next steps. We have made the decision, in consultation with FVHD, that the staff and students who were in contact with these individuals will quarantine and engage in remote learning. All other staff and students will continue to report to school, following their school schedule.

**Although we are personally notifying the families and staff members who may have been in contact with the individuals, I wanted to be sure that we communicated with our entire community to facilitate distribution of accurate information.** Following the guidance of the Farmington Valley Health District, below are the steps that have been or will be taken:

1. All children and staff who had close contact with this individual have been identified and are quarantining, under the guidance of the FVHD and our COVID-19 response protocols.
2. Any children and staff under quarantine, who are identified as close contacts, will be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms by the Farmington Valley Health District during the quarantine period.
3. A deep clean of the classroom and all other common areas this individual used while on the premises has been completed.

As you know, our goal is to maintain a safe, healthy environment as we have reopened our schools and we will continue to work collaboratively with you, our staff and our local health officials to do everything we can to realize this goal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, your child's principal or Ms. DeRossi, District Nurse Supervisor, either by phone or by email.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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