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Dear Meadowbrook Staff and Parents/Guardians of Children:

Let me start by thanking you for your ongoing support and understanding as we carefully work through a complex COVID contact tracing situation at Meadowbrook.

Yesterday, we had nine students test positive for COVID-19 in a single classroom. The positives were a result of our ongoing asymptomatic Binax testing. While perhaps surprising, this is precisely why mitigation strategies such as asymptomatic testing are crucial in our ongoing work to diligently protect our school community.

The nine positive cases resulted in early contact tracing that impacted at least thirty-six additional students on seven different buses and/or siblings in ten additional classrooms. At this time, we have no known positive cases in these additional classrooms at Meadowbrook.

RIDOH recommends ALL close contacts of people with COVID-19 get tested (with an antigen or PCR test) on day 5 of quarantine or later. This will assist in detecting asymptomatic infection and isolating quickly to prevent further spread.

All families that have been directly impacted by positive cases in the single classroom or on buses have been independently notified and given instructions regarding the next steps.

Fifty additional students were tested from four other classrooms, all with negative results. Twenty-three staff were also tested, all with negative results. We will maintain transparency via ongoing communication should any additional cases be identified.

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school, notify the school of their symptoms, and contact their healthcare provider for advice. Staff or students **with or without** symptoms can access testing information at this [link](#) or call **844-857-1814** to schedule a test. Even if you don't have health insurance, you can get a test.

EGSD administration has been in contact with our partners: the RIDE Education Operations Center (EDOC), the Department of Health, our school department consulting physician, and other medical professionals. Collective thinking has led to the decision to temporarily close the building to in-person learning. This will allow the District and our partner agencies to fully investigate and contact trace. Thankfully, we have a well-coordinated multi-agency team to responsibly guide our process.

**ALL Meadowbrook students, PK-2 will be distance learning Thursday and Friday, February 11th & 12th. There will be no in-person learning on these days for any Meadowbrook students. There will be grab-n-go materials pickup opportunities tomorrow, Thursday, February 11th. Your child's homeroom teacher will communicate with you regarding the need for and timing of pickups. Pickup times will most likely be before school and during the first hour of the school day. Materials will also be available in curbside bins throughout the day.**

Our facilities team will be performing additional deep cleaning and disinfection throughout the building over the next thirty-six hours and we will continue to maintain our universal health and mitigation precautions.

**Meadowbrook report cards and progress notes distribution will be delayed until February 22nd.** These were originally slated to be sent home on February 12th.

**You will be getting additional communications from Principal Marcaccio and your child's educator(s) over the next twenty-four hours. Please pay careful attention to email, text, and phone communications.**

We are here to support you. Learning questions should be directed to your child's teacher(s). Your first point of contact for COVID related questions at Meadowbrook should be the school nurse, Denise Sullivan. Principal Marcaccio is also ready to speak with any families that have questions or concerns.

Please see the most updated version of the [Outbreak Response Protocol Pre K-12](#)

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As the superintendent of schools and an East Greenwich resident, I care deeply about the well being of our students, families, and staff. Your understanding and support are appreciated as we continue to responsibly navigate this situation.