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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below is some important information regarding COVID-19 related school health procedures and some important information regarding the new NYSED Parent Dashboard.

- Here is a link to some NYS DOH Guidelines for having a fun, yet safe Halloween: [Halloween Guidance](#).
- Here is a link to an overview of the NYS “Micro-Cluster” Strategy: [Micro-Cluster Strategy](#). The intent of this strategy is to identify COVID hotspots within small geographic areas in order to target interventions to stop the spread of COVID. I encourage you to read this document, so that you have an awareness of what might happen if we end up in a yellow, orange, or red zone.
- Onondaga County is moving COVID-19 testing from NBT Stadium to the Regional Market. The Regional Market is right next door to NBT Stadium.
- Please note that on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be offering voluntary COVID-19 pool testing for our faculty and staff. If positive test results emerge from this pool testing, we may need to pivot to remote instruction on November 4<sup>th</sup> to allow time for further testing and contact tracing.
- The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has developed a Parent Dashboard to increase transparency and make information about school performance and other school-level data easier for parents and the public to access. Here is a link to a form letter from NYSED with additional information about this new Parent Dashboard: [NYSED Parent Dashboard Letter](#). Here is a link to the NYSED Parent Dashboard website: [NYSED Parent Dashboard](#).

Thank you for all of your support these past eight weeks. Let’s all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can stay open.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Hughes*

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