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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below is some important information regarding COVID-19 related school health procedures and some important information regarding pivoting to remote instruction:

- Here is a link to the NYS Department of Health Pre-K to Grade 12 COVID-19 Toolkit: [NYS DOH COVID Toolkit](#). This document is a series of flowcharts outlining what students, faculty, and staff should do when they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- During the 2020-21 school year, Onondaga County will be offering voluntary, periodic COVID-19 surveillance testing for school district personnel. The purpose of this testing will be to identify potential COVID hotspots within the Central New York area. Tully Schools will participate in this testing.
- Some of our neighboring school districts have recently had to pivot to remote instruction on short notice. They have had to do so to allow time for county health officials to conduct contact tracing, related to students, faculty, or staff members who test positive for COVID-19. We have been working closely with county health officials, and with our colleagues neighboring school districts, to make sure we understand how this contact tracing process works.
- Our administrators, faculty and staff have been preparing plans to pivot to remote instruction on quick notice. Should we need to pivot quickly to remote instruction, we will notify parents/guardians by sending a SchoolMessenger alert.
- If you have not already done so, I encourage parents/guardians to think about contingency plans that you might need to put in place should we need to pivot quickly to remote instruction.

Thank you for all of your support these past six 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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