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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff,

We were able to confirm at the end of the day yesterday (December 10, 2020) that two of our Junior/Senior High School students tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Neither of these two students has been in school for the past two weeks, and so no contact tracing was necessary.

This morning, officials from Onondaga County administered approximately 200 COVID tests to asymptomatic Tully students, faculty and staff. During this testing only two Tully Elementary School students tested positive for COVID-19. One of these students is a fully remote student, and so no contact tracing was necessary. The other student was immediately sent home with a parent, and we immediately began to work with officials from the County Health Department to conduct contact tracing. As a result of this contact tracing process 12 Tully Elementary School students, four Tully Elementary School staff members and one Junior/Senior High School student will all be placed in quarantine. Students and staff members placed in quarantine by the County Health Department were also sent home immediately.

The students who tested positive for COVID-19 will not return to school until the end of their isolation period. The students and staff members placed in quarantine will not return to school until the end of their quarantine period. We hope you understand that we cannot provide any additional information about those who test positive for COVID-19, or about those placed in quarantine, due to confidentiality concerns.

Please continue to practice and encourage good hand-washing hygiene, wear face masks, and practice social distancing. If you or a family member start to exhibit symptoms of the virus (fever, shortness of breath, and coughing, for example), please reach out to your physician and inform the appropriate school nurse. If you do not have a physician, you can contact the Upstate Medical hotline at 315-464-3979. If you would like further information on COVID-19, please go to this Onondaga County website, ongov.net/health, and click on the COVID-19 link.

During this difficult time, we will continue to support our students, families, faculty and staff to the best of our ability. Let's all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can stay open.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hughes

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