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December 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff,

We were advised today (December 7, 2020) that three (3) of our Junior/Senior High School students tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We received one of these positive notifications at the start of the school day. We worked with officials from the Onondaga County Health Department to complete the contact tracing process related to this positive test result. As a result of this positive test result nineteen (19) JSBS students have been placed in quarantine due to close contact with the student who tested positive. If they were in school, those students placed in quarantine by the County Health Department were immediately separated from their classmates until they could safely be sent home from school. A representative from Tully Schools has already reached out to the parents of each of these nineteen (19) students.

The other two (2) positive notifications came at the end of the school day today. In order to complete the contact tracing process related to these two (2) positive COVID test results, our JSBS including Career and Technical Education and New Visions students will pivot to remote instruction for Tuesday, December 8, 2020. At this time we anticipate returning to normal operations at the JSBS on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

These three (3) students who tested positive were not transported by Tully school buses, nor did they have any school related contact with Tully Elementary students, faculty or staff. For this reason, at this time Tully Elementary School will remain open for in-person instruction.

The students who tested positive for COVID-19 will not return to school until the end of their isolation period. The students 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 have tested positive for COVID-19, or about those who have been 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](http://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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