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Dear CSD Families,

Employees at CSD took part in the state's second phase of COVID-19 surveillance testing earlier this week. All employees are eligible to sign up for a test as well as our substitutes, bus drivers, and ACE employees. In total, the district facilitated 329 tests and none have come back positive. We are very encouraged by this data and are grateful for the opportunity to offer this testing to our employees. All of the mitigation strategies that we have in place are so important and these results serve as an excellent reminder for all of us to keep up the good work.

Free Food Bundles for Winter Break

Earlier this afternoon we sent out an email announcing free food bundles for winter break. We are excited to offer this to our families and hope it can provide some assistance while we're out of school. For details on how to sign up and what's included, you can [view the full email here](#).

Winter Sports

It was again confirmed today at the governor's press conference that winter sports are still on hold. They are continuing to monitor case counts and we will keep our students, families and coaches informed when we hear more.

Informing our School Community of Positive Cases

We want to remind families that the district will only communicate positive cases that involve school exposure, meaning the individual came to school when they were infectious. This week, we were notified of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 but had been properly quarantining at home and were not in school during their infectious period. It is the Vermont Department of Health that identifies those who may have been exposed to the virus. After speaking with them, they confirmed that the people who tested positive were not exposed to the virus at school and have not returned to school since their exposure. If someone tests positive for COVID-19 but was not in school while they were infectious, the Department of Health states there are no additional steps for the school to take since others at the school were not exposed to the individual.

CSD has had four confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the school year started. In all four cases, the virus was contracted out in the community and brought into the school unknowingly. The good news is, even though it was brought into the school, we have not had any reports of transmission; meaning the person who came to school with COVID-19 did not pass it onto

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anyone else while they were here. This shows that our mitigation strategies including things like masks, distancing, health screenings, regular handwashing, podding of classes, ample testing, and the district's quick and unified response to positive cases are working to keep our schools a safe place. Please continue to [monitor your child for symptoms of COVID-19](#) and keep your child home when sick. Thank you for everything you're doing to keep our doors open!

Be well,

Amy Minor
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