



Sachem Central School District

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Dear Sachem Family,

Just a quick update on a few items. We had no additional quarantines on the two cases at East HS last week as well as the case at Nokomis on Friday. There was a new Seneca case that occurred yesterday (Sunday). Since the SCDOH did not get back to us and those students were coming back in today, we made the decision out of an abundance of caution to quarantine those students from school (8 students in total), which included a few students in the lunch period, a double class period as well as three teachers from those classes. Hopefully, we hear from SCDOH today, but have until Wednesday to hear back from them. If they want to quarantine students and staff it will already have been underway. However, if the SCDOH says that those students and staff can come back in, we will notify the families immediately.

The January Regents have been cancelled. As of now the state has not made any decisions on the June Regents or 3-8 ELA and Math testing. Please click the following link to find an FAQ from NYSED on this decision.

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/faq-january-2021-regents-examinations.pdf>

The Board of Education recently adopted policy number 4528 Acceptable Use Remote Learning which governs the use of online learning platforms, rules of etiquette and procedures. Here is a link to the new policy.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/sachem/Board.nsf/Public#> Just click on policies in the top right then click on 4000 and scroll to 4528 please.

Lastly, there seems to be rumors around the closing of schools and moving to all distance learning from Thanksgiving through January or December break through mid to late January to model what colleges are doing. I want you to know we have had no serious discussion about this at the K-12 district level thus far. If things get bad soon around a growing number of positive COVID cases, I would imagine we might consider something like this at some point but we are not there yet. I will of course bring this to the Board of Education and the community's attention if these discussions start to get more serious among the local districts.

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Thank you and have a great evening.

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