



Sachem Central School District

Christopher J. Pellettieri, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Sachem Family,

I hope this email update finds you well and sated from a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family. I myself just had my third day in a row of turkey dinner. 😊

Unfortunately, over the past week we have had 28 COVID – 19 positive cases dispersed throughout the district. While this number is certainly disconcerting, when we look at this number over the 14,000 students and staff that we have in the district, it is actually less than one quarter of one percent. As per usual we continue to be in communication and consult with the Suffolk County Department of Health. I personally called them three times over the past few days just to make sure we were making the safest decisions we could make for our Sachem Family. After consultation with the SCDOH, we do feel we can have a regular reopening of schools this Monday, November 30th. We do ask that everyone please continue to be cognizant of proper social distancing, hygiene, and mask wearing when around others.

Lastly, I have seen many long lines around Urgent Care facilities as people are seeking COVID – 19 testing. If you or your child have taken such a test please be sure to stay home until you have the regular PCR test results, as opposed to just the rapid test. Several of our recent positive cases went from negative rapid tests to positive PCR tests when the results came back days later.

Once again, our plan for Monday is to have a regular re- opening at all schools throughout the district. If anything changes before Monday, at any school building, we will certainly let you know.

Thank you and please stay well.

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