

Sachem Central School District

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

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Dear Sachem Family,

Late yesterday afternoon, we were made aware of a student and a staff member at Nokomis School that were positive for COVID 19. Any student and/or staff that are required to quarantine have been notified.

Today, we had a student at Sagamore and a student at East High School test positive. Those notifications are ongoing.

I also write to you this evening in regards to a News 12 story headline which many of you saw stating "Sachem Schools Prepare for Remote Only Instruction". I'm sure you found this as alarming as I did! The actual story was accurate in that it said we would discuss this topic at the Board of Education meeting, but I think many of us were concerned about the headline. Let me reiterate, we will be talking tomorrow night about the NYS guidance around Yellow, Orange and Red zones and how New York State's decision on schools in this region could impact us. Just so you are aware, we are not, at this time, planning any pre-emptive closing after the Thanksgiving break.

I hope you will join us in viewing the Board of Education meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 PM on the Sachem YouTube channel.

Thank you and be well.

Sincerely,

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