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Dear NMPS Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

Over the course of the school day today, we were notified that three members of our school community have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) at Schaghticoke Middle School. Through the contact tracing process, it was determined that there was no school transmission. The individuals were last in school on 10/30/2020 and/or 11/02/2020. We have not received any reports of other students or staff members experiencing illnesses with symptoms resembling those of COVID-19. If your child was identified as a "close contact" with any of these cases, you should have been contacted by the building principal or local health officials and provided with instructions on the appropriate steps to take.

As we see regional issues increase, we are also having difficulty maintaining adequate staffing at the middle school for the remainder of this week. *Therefore, only Schaghticoke Middle School will move to remote learning for the rest of this week, November 10th - 13th.* We will return back to the hybrid learning model on Monday, November 16th.

The New Milford Health Department, in partnership with the district, is conducting a thorough contact tracing protocol for each case. We will continue to closely monitor the health conditions of our students and staff. We will also continue to implement all of the mitigation strategies addressed in our reopening plan. The health and safety of all members of our school community remain our priority.

We want to remind families to continue to conduct daily health screenings for symptoms before sending students to school. Thank you again for all of your efforts as a community and for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. DiCorpo (dicorpoa@newmilfordps.org) or Dr. Longo (longoc@newmilfordps.org).

Sincerely,

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