## NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Over the last two weeks we have seen an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 in the state, our local community, and therefore in some of our schools. I am writing today to let you know that we are not seeing transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and that the increase in cases is not due to us opening the schools to in person learning. The New Milford Health Director and I have been speaking almost daily on the cases and case numbers, and she works diligently to map out cases across district to determine the source of transmission.

As a district, we are working to eliminate the many letters that are sent out when there is a positive case in the schools and instead create an online dashboard for the future. It will take us some time and I will alert parents when this is ready for all schools. We are hopeful that the dashboard will appear on each school's website, as well as the district website, eliminating the numerous emails you are receiving.

In addition, you should have received an invitation earlier today to a Parent Forum that I will be hosting via Zoom with Lisa Morrissey, our Health Director, on April 6th from 5:30-6:30pm. We hope you will join us. Should you have any questions, please share them ahead of time by emailing <a href="mailto:suptoffice@newmilfordps.org">suptoffice@newmilfordps.org</a> and we will respond to them during the forum. We will also take questions live that evening.

As always, please stay diligent in your efforts and keep your children home when they are experiencing any symptoms at all. Also, please wait until test results come back negative if your child is tested prior to sending your child to school. This will help us to finish the school year strong.

Finally, should there be any changes to our instructional model in the near future, I will communicate to parents directly. As always, this will be determined after reviewing our data and transmission with the Health Director.

Sincerely,

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