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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

As you may be aware, the governor recently released guidance on the New York Cluster Initiative to aggressively respond to micro-clusters (outbreaks of new cases with a limited and definable geographic region.) Each county is assigned a tiered location and each tier has individualized metrics to enter a yellow, orange or red zone. A yellow zone is a precautionary measure to assist in mitigating wider outbreaks of COVID-19. Each zone has implications for in-person and remote learning.

To be designated as a yellow zone:

- **Warren County's seven-day infection rate must be 3.5% or higher for 10 consecutive days;**
  - *Currently Warren County's current seven-day infection rate is 1.2%.*
- **Warren County's seven-day average of new positives must be 10 or more.**
  - *Warren County's average is currently 5.3.*

In the event our area is designated a yellow zone, Department of Health (DOH) guidance requires that schools test 20% of in-person students, along with 20% of teachers and staff over the two-week period in order to remain open for in-person instruction.

Though we are far from reaching the criteria to be designated in the yellow zone, we are actively preparing for in-school testing should we reach the yellow zone threshold described above. The goal of BCS is to remain open for in-person instruction and to do so we must adhere to the 20% testing requirements. We know how invaluable it is to our school community to remain open for in-person instruction.

A consent form is available on the Bolton CSD website and we ask that parents complete and submit the form which should greatly minimize the potential disruption of in-person learning in the event Bolton CSD gets designated as a yellow zone.

In addition, please take a moment to view the short video on our website that demonstrates how simple and non-invasive the COVID test actually is.

Together, through our joint partnership with Warren County Public Health and school community members, we remain committed to staying safe while continuing to provide in-person instruction and opportunities for our students. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Michael Graney

Superintendent of Schools