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RE: COVID-19 Information, Notices, & Positive Confirmed Cases

Dear Griswold Public Schools:

We have had a successful start to the 2021-2022 school year. It has been wonderful to welcome back our students, their families, and our faculty and staff. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support.

To keep everyone informed about COVID-19 related information this school year, we are streamlining our communication approach. We are maintaining a “2021-2022 School Year: COVID-19 Information & Communications” website, like we did last school year, which anyone can access at any time. For immediate access, you can [click on this link](#). This website includes an active spreadsheet, displaying numbers of quarantined individuals and positive confirmed cases. This website also archives communications, helpful links, and resource information that we hope you find useful.

In managing our notifications about positive confirmed COVID-19 cases that we encounter, we are not sending a notice each and every time we identify a case. It is important to note that a “positive confirmed case” means that we have identified a community member, who tested positive for COVID-19 and who has been in our building and around others. A “positive confirmed case” does not mean that COVID-19 transmission has occurred in our buildings or on our grounds; over the past year, we have not confirmed any transmission cases.

We will include information about positive confirmed cases in our “weekly updates document.” Of course, in the event that we encounter a positive confirmed case we will be contacting all “close contacts” personally to inform individuals about next steps. The guidelines for contact tracing are different for vaccinated individuals. We work collaboratively with Uncas Health District on our tracing, [and you can review the contacting guidelines here](#). Much of this information was reviewed in our August 18th, 2021, “Welcome Back Letter.” Nonetheless, we want to make sure you are all well-informed.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna".

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools