



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Parents and Guardians,

This morning, two separate Dever families at different grade levels self-reported that the parent/grandparent of a child in each one of these classrooms tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Following the guidance issued by the New York State Education Department, and the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH), we immediately contacted the county health department for confirmation and direction. We also confirmed whether there are any siblings attending the Central High School District or other regional schools in both cases.

At this time, the only individuals required to quarantine are those who came into direct contact with the students' family members without following established safety protocols. In these classrooms, we have adhered to the maintenance of social distancing and mask wearing. Moreover, as an additional safety measure, desk barriers were installed throughout the district and these continue to be utilized daily.

Both students' last day of attendance was Tuesday, January 5th and they are reportedly not presenting any symptoms associated with COVID-19. Neither student is in school today and they will not be allowed to return to school for at least 10 days. The NCDOH is conducting an investigation and contacting anyone identified as a close contact to the students' family members.

As a reminder, our facilities are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis as per the New York State Department of Education and CDC guidelines. Based on guidance from the NCDOH, it is not necessary that we enact any further restrictions or measures at this time.

We will continue to monitor this case and keep you updated with any pertinent information. Please continue to exercise the safe practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) including socially distancing, wearing a mask, and frequent hand washing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Constance D. Evelyn
Superintendent of Schools