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## RE: POSITIVE COVID CASES AND QUARANTINE UPDATE FOR 12/28-1/3.

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

Each week I will update the number of positive cases experienced in the week prior. From 12/28-1/3 we experienced an additional 21 positive COVID cases district wide; 3 students and 1 staff at the Elementary, 9 students and 2 staff at South Campus, and 5 students and 1 staff at the High School. Due to changes in procedure, forced on us as a result of staffing and process limitations on the part of the local health department, we are unable to determine and report the number of members of our North Mac Family who have been required to quarantine over this past week.

As we battle the COVID-19 Virus, we continue to follow all the protocols and mitigation efforts put into place, which **at this time** includes the mandatory universal masking directive issued by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Governor's Office. It is our goal to remain in-person as long as possible, while at the same time keeping our students and staff safe. Adaptive pauses in in-person learning will only be taken if absolutely necessary and in consultation with the IDPH.

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms<sup>1</sup>. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms<sup>2</sup> should seek medical care immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2 Severe symptoms of COVID-19 include: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1 Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.