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To Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to take this time to again thank everyone for all they are doing to help mitigate the spread of the COVID virus, especially with the highly contagious Omicron variant. Parents have been monitoring their child's symptoms regularly, and keeping them home until they know for sure it is safe for their child to return to school. Quickly identifying those with symptoms and minimizing their contact in our schools is the best way to move forward and continue to provide in-person learning.

Our teachers, administrators, and support staff have spent a large amount of time above their normal job duties to work with students who need additional support, assisting to make sure areas are thoroughly cleaned, and spending a great deal of time identifying individuals that are ill as well as any close contacts.

These additional tasks have created a strain that is unlike anything that we have ever experienced. I want to thank all employees and families in their work to focus on teaching and learning despite the necessary and difficult circumstances many of us are facing.

Today the Macomb County Health Department aligned with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and CDC updated procedures and guidelines for positive cases and close contacts of COVID-19. **The most impactful change that I would like to share is the modification to the isolation and quarantine period from 10 days to 5 days.** There are conditions attached to the shortening of the isolation and close contact quarantine, and I have attached a document to this email that explains all of it.

Please continue to conduct daily health checks and keep your students home if they are symptomatic. With the recent increase in COVID-19 cases throughout Macomb County and the State, we are again challenged with the significant impact it has on our schools and work. Please reach out to your building admin or myself if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Puzdrakiewicz
New Haven Community School District
Superintendent

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