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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

I'm writing to inform you about two recent positive COVID-19 cases identified this weekend in RSU 23 Schools. There is one case each at Jameson Elementary School and Loranger Memorial School. The two cases, at JES and LMS will result in school close contacts being quarantined per our Maine CDC investigation. **Maine CDC or a school representative will contact you directly if you are identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive.** Close contacts will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure to the positive individual. A negative test result does not get an individual out of quarantine. There is a possibility that other staff or students came in contact with these individuals and therefore may have been exposed to the virus and we are informing you out of an abundance of caution. Please monitor yourself/your student for signs and symptoms. Call a health care provider if symptoms start. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Stay home if you are sick.

Due to quarantine necessities, all eighth grade students must remain at home and access remote learning effective Monday, November 30 and through Thursday, December 3. LMS Principal, Matt Foster will be emailing 8th grade students and families to further explain the remote learning plan and schedule.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms 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

Questions for the school can be directed at can be directed to our school nurses, Sarah Burnham, by calling 934-4461 Ext. 1503, sburnham@rsu23.org or Karen Michaud, 934-4848 Ext. 1103, kmichaud@rsu23.org. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Suttie".

John Suttie, RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools