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Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

I am writing to inform you that a person affiliated with Zippel Elementary School and a person affiliated with Presque Isle High School have tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19). Currently, members of the MSAD #1 Health Services department are notifying close contacts of the individuals who have tested positive and will be directing students and staff who are considered close contacts to quarantine for 10 days. If you are not contacted, your student is not considered a close contact.

The Zippel Elementary School individual who tested positive was last in school on Monday, January 25. We have approximately 17 students and 5 staff members considered as close contacts to that individual. These close contacts will be out of quarantine and welcomed back at school on Friday, February 5.

The Presque Isle High School individual who tested positive was last in school on Monday, January 25. We have approximately 11 students and 3 PIHS staff members who are considered close contacts of that individual. These close contacts will be out of quarantine and welcomed back at school on Friday, February 5.

Since we have substitute staff members available to cover for the staff members who are considered close contacts at Zippel Elementary and Presque Isle High School, **all MSAD #1 schools will be open for in-person instruction and will resume their regular schedules.**

MSAD #1 officials have been in contact with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and are following the protocols and procedures outlined for schools to follow when a case of the coronavirus occurs in a school. The CDC recommends that close contacts of a person who tests positive for the coronavirus should quarantine for 10 days. The CDC also recommends that the members of Presque Isle High School and Zippel Elementary School who are not considered close contacts should monitor for symptoms but may resume normal daily activities.

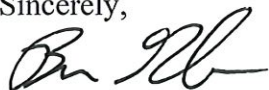
COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- sore throat
- new loss of taste or smell
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

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.

Please continue to take the necessary precautions against the coronavirus in order to reduce the spread of the disease. Feel free to reach out to MSAD #1 Health Services Director, Lisa McKenna at mckennal@sad1.org, your child's principal, or myself at greenlawb@sad1.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Greenlaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" being more prominent.

Ben Greenlaw
Superintendent