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December 11, 2020

Dear Greater Lowell Tech Families,

This letter is to provide you with an update on recent changes to the public health data. Based on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Report for this week, December 11, 2020:

The Average Daily Incidence Rate number of cases per 100,000 residents (last 14 days) for the City of Lowell is **102.03** up from **78.3** last week and puts Lowell in the “red” or “higher risk” category again this week. The “percent positivity rate” (the percentage of tests that are positive in Lowell) is **11.90%** up from **10.37%** last week. The data continues to trend in a negative direction with evidence of a significant community spread.

As a result of this data, and our commitment to prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff **we will remain in our current Full Remote Learning Model**. We will continue to work with the Lowell Board of Health to monitor trends in the COVID-19 data and will provide you with any updates in advance of a decision to transition our students back to a hybrid learning model when safe to do so.

In addition, the City of Lowell is offering free COVID-19 testing to Lowell residents at a new testing site launched in partnership with Cataldo Ambulance located at 32 Reiss Avenue, behind the Showcase Cinema building. Testing will be conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day until the end of the month. The test site is strictly limited to Lowell residents. Residents seeking to be tested at the site are required to register for an appointment at a specific time and are encouraged to arrive at the site as close to the time of their appointment as possible. Appointments can be reserved online at: cataldoambulance.com/covid-testing.

Thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility and partnership. Please stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Davis".

Jill Davis
Superintendent-Director