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March 12, 2021

Dear Greater Lowell Tech Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. I am pleased to report that the trends in the COVID-19 data for our "key municipality", the City of Lowell, continue to move downward. The Average Daily Incidence Rate number of cases per 100,000 residents (last 14 days) for the City of Lowell is 23.1, down from 24.5 last week. The "percent positivity rate" (the percentage of tests that are positive in Lowell) is 3.74%, down from 3.86% last week.

Our return to Hybrid Learning Mode(B) Phase 2 is going well and our Grade 10-12 students are happy to be back in their technical programs four days on their shop week. Our next goal in the coming weeks is to increase in-person learning for our grade 9 students to two (2) days per A/X week or (50%). In order for this to happen, we are working on meal set-up and meeting the physical distancing of 6 feet which is still required during all meals based on the new Guidance on In-Person Learning Requirements issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education this week. This new guidance outlines a phased approach to returning students to full, in-person learning beginning on Monday, April 5, 2021 for Elementary school students, and on Wednesday April 28, 2021 for Middle school students. Details regarding the high school phase of the plan will be made available in April. As they are made available we will keep you informed.

In order to be able to plan accordingly, we will be surveying those families who are currently full remote to determine if they want to make a change to this choice for the fourth quarter.

Thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility and partnership. Safely returning students to in-person learning is our priority.

Sincerely,

Jill Davis
Superintendent-Director