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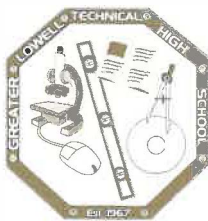
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April 16, 2021

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, April 16, 2021: The Average Daily Incidence Rate number of cases per 100,000 residents (last 14 days) for the City of Lowell is 54.4, up/down from 54.1 last week. The "percent positivity rate" (the percentage of tests that are positive in Lowell) is 8%, up from 7.97%, last week.

This week we have 7 community members who have tested positive. Close contact tracing has been conducted for each case and all known close contacts have been privately notified to quarantine. It is critical that we all continue to do our part to ensure the health and safety of our school community. Please continue to monitor your child DAILY for COVID symptoms before sending them school. Do NOT send your child to school if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID which include: fever (100 degrees or higher) chills, headache (when in combination with other symptoms), body aches, cough (not associated with a known cause), difficulty breathing, nausea vomiting or diarrhea, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, fatigue (when in combination with other symptoms) and nasal congestion or runny nose.

Beginning the week of April 26, 2021, we are planning to expand in-person learning for our students in grades 10-12 to 5 days on their shop A/X week (now including Wednesdays). In addition, expanding in-person learning for our grade 9 students to three days/week, alternating Wednesday's every other week. More information regarding this grade 9 transition will be forthcoming from the Assistant Superintendent-Principal.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, fun, and safe April vacation. Thank you in advance for your patience, flexibility and partnership. Safely returning students to in-person learning is our priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jill Davis'.

Jill Davis
Superintendent-Director