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May 7, 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, May 7, 2021: The Average Daily Incidence Rate number of cases per 100,000 residents (last 14 days) for the City of Lowell is 30, down from 38 last week. The "percent positivity rate" (the percentage of tests that are positive in Lowell) is 5.39%, down from 6.19% last week.

This week we have 4 community members who have tested positive. Close contact tracing has been conducted for each case and all known close contacts have been privately notified. 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.

Next week, we will be administering the MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics exams for our Hybrid in-person Grade 10 students, as well as a group of Grade 11 students. As a result, these students will attend school in-person to take the exam. Students who are designated remote will test at a date to be announced. Students are reminded to bring their Chromebooks to school on each MCAS date. A communication has been sent out by the Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton with more detailed information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barton at 978-441-4807 or mbarton@gltech.org.

The week of May 17, 2021, all grade 9-12 students currently enrolled in hybrid learning will return to full-time in-person instruction five days per week both A and X weeks. Students who are currently remote will remain remote for the remainder of the school year. Information regarding any bus schedule changes, will be communicated by the Assistant Superintendent-Principal next week.

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