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To All Parents / Guardians:

As the school districts across New York State have reopened for the 2020-2021 school year, the guidelines for the continued daily operation of the district continue to be reviewed, modified, and updated. Specifically, the Department of Health has issued revised protocols related to how a confirmed COVID positive case is addressed in the district.

through their creativity and responsibility, will be assets to the greater community."

If the Washington County Department of Health has a confirmed positive COVID diagnosis of a student or employee of the district, the district will be implementing an automatic period of closure and remote learning for the entire district for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) hours. During this period, the Department of Health will begin their initial investigation and contact tracing procedure. The results of this investigation will determine the extent of possible exposure and provide the district with recommendations for further quarantine or reopening the district.

While we hope that the district will continue to remain COVID free, we want to make sure that we inform every one of the various scenarios that we may encounter during the year. Please note that a determination of closure may be made with very little advanced notice, very similar to the traditional "Snow Day", and we are encouraging families to develop plans to ensure available childcare in the event that the district is closed.

We appreciate your continued support of the district. If you have any questions regarding this information, I would encourage you to please contact the district at 518-632-5222.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Cook Superintendent Hartford Central School District