

**LETTER FROM THE
PRINCIPAL
SPECIAL EDITION!
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Dear Families,

You may have heard--we are experiencing a few more COVID cases recently than we are used to, at least this year. I wanted to write this special newsletter to be completely **transparent** about what I know and how we are addressing the issue.

- When we get a report of a positive case, usually from parents, we contact trace using information from teachers, students, and seating charts (we have these on file in the office).
- Students who were in close contact with a positive case are alerted by phone. Parents have the option to continue sending their child to school with a mask or keeping them at home for a 10-day quarantine/isolation period.

- We notify the class of the positive case so parents can be aware and keep a close eye on their children.
- We notify families every time we learn of a positive case. **In order for a case to appear on the Health Attend dashboard** (located on our website), it must be confirmed by the Health Department and the individual needs to have been in attendance at school in the last 48 hours. The dashboard is how additional regulations like the 2% mask mandate are determined. This is why you may see a difference in the number of cases we have informally shared and the number of cases on the dashboard.
- We have additional mitigation options available to us and have already instituted some of these where we seem to have hot spots. For example, DLI

classes might need to return to a full-day French, full-day English schedule for a time to reduce the amount of sharing between classes. Also, we have an air scrubber with UV to clean certain classrooms.

Thanks for all of your support. I have enjoyed hearing from parents with their concerns and questions. I am always happy to share information and appreciate when parents seek out clarification. **We are all in this together!**

What else are you wondering? What else should I have included in this newsletter? You can reach me at jmartin@pcschoools.us.

Sincerely,
Jim

(The Spanish edition of this newsletter is in progress and forthcoming. I apologize for the delay.)