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Dear SPS Families and Staff:

Since the Thanksgiving recess, we have one positive case to report for Stonington Middle School. This case required no contact tracing by the school district, as this person was quarantining as a result of being a close contact. **We look forward to returning to our hybrid in-person learning model, tomorrow, December 7th, for all buildings.**

Throughout the last two weeks we have had multiple staff from each building unable to attend school and/or who were required to work from home due to a variety of factors including being identified as a close contact of a positive case or being symptomatic themselves. Keeping a close watch on our ability to safely staff our buildings, along with providing a high quality in-person educational experience, continue to be top priority. Our neighboring districts are reporting similar challenges.

We continue to urge families and staff to be vigilant in following the directives of our local government and health officials. Remember to wear your mask, wash your hands frequently, and maintain proper social distancing. It is vitally important that staff and families continue to report signs of symptoms and COVID-19 test results to our school nurses. **Also, in cases where test results are required for school attendance, the school district must receive a copy of the official test result.** Thank you for your continued support and collaboration with our school nurses, as we all work to safely keep our buildings open.

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to seeing our students and staff tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Dr. Van Riley
Superintendent