October 17, 2020

Blind Brook School Community:

Our school district was alerted Saturday morning that a volunteer coach of a Rye Brook Rebel youth baseball team tested positive for the coronavirus. The affected individual was in contact with BMP Ridge Street Elementary students.

A representative from the Rye Brook Travel Baseball Board, the Mayor of the Village of Rye Brook, and I mobilized a concerted response to assure the continued safety of those potentially exposed, especially our students.

We examined the situation under the supposition that all baseball players coached by the individual who tested positive were in significant contact during the days leading up to confirmation of a positive COVID-19 test result.

The parents of each of the players are being contacted so that their children stay at home and not re-enter school until completion of a period of self-quarantine. Their educational needs will be met through remote instruction.

It is important that their health be monitored. It is also important that we seek to minimize the risk to other students after a test-positive contact has been confirmed.

While our schools are not mandating sibling quarantine, we are fully supportive of any parent’s decision to do so.

I thank the members of the Rye Brook Travel Baseball Board as well as the Mayor for exercising open communication, and I believe that our shared commitment to public health has promoted sound judgement in the best interest of the whole community.

Respectfully,

Dr. Patrick Brimstein
Superintendent of Schools