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Dear Beacon Community:

I am writing to provide an update on Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School. While we do not have any additional cases of COVID-19 at this time, I am going to extend the remote learning plan and keep the buildings closed to students until Thursday, November 5 when the Gold students can return for hybrid classes. Remember, you only need to quarantine if you have been contacted directly by school staff and we should be finishing up with that communication tonight or tomorrow morning. As a precaution, we do have several students and staff getting tested for COVID-19 after speaking with our staff or the health department. Keeping both schools on the remote learning plan allows us to monitor the COVID test results that will be shared with us in the coming days.

As you know we have prioritized reopening schools in the BCSD but doing it in a safe manner for students and staff. These experiences are frustrating and challenging for all of us but they are also the result of a plan based on communication, quick test results, collaboration with the health department, and taking everyone's health and safety seriously. We will continue to communicate with the community during this time and if we need to extend the period of remote learning at either school we will let everyone know on Wednesday of next week. We could not do any of this without the support of our community and the hard work of our faculty and staff, thank you!

Middle and High School students will stay on the schedule they have today and tomorrow for Monday and Tuesday of next week. Wednesday of next week will go back to being the "remote Wednesday" schedule. Your principals will send reminder communications tomorrow.

Our four elementary schools remain open and next week Tuesday is the remote learning day for elementary students due to the election and the use of our buildings for voting.

Thanks for your support and patience during this time.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl
Superintendent of Schools

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