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Dear Beacon Community:

Late this afternoon we received confirmation that we have a second positive case of COVID-19 at Beacon High School and an initial positive case of COVID-19 at Rombout Middle School. Both people are isolated, and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released. We have done an initial assessment of this second case at Beacon High School with the Dutchess County Department of Health and can say that it is unrelated to the case we confirmed with you earlier today. We can also say that this individual has little to no contact with students in the school.

We learned about the initial case at Rombout Middle School this afternoon and due to the need to conduct contact tracing Rombout Middle School will shift to their remote learning model for Thursday and Friday of this week.

We will be conducting contact tracing this evening and tomorrow morning and we will contact individuals who need to quarantine directly. We will also evaluate whether we need to extend the remote learning model at Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School past this week. We will notify the community of that tomorrow afternoon.

To repeat, Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School are physically closed Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 and will implement their remote learning plan.

Our four elementary schools have no connection with these cases and will remain open. Decisions to close schools are made on an individual basis and are made in consultation with the health department. We will continue to communicate with you during this time. I also ask that we keep individuals struggling with this virus in our hearts and minds.

Have a good night and I will be back in touch tomorrow with an update.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl

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