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Dear Cairo-Durham Families,

After completing contact tracing related to the [recent positive COVID-19 case](#) at the middle/high school, the District has decided that Grades 6-12 will remain remote for the week of November 30-December 4. This is due to the number of staff members required to quarantine as a precaution and a high demand for substitutes. Kindergarten through Grade 5 will operate as usual.

For Grades 6-12 hybrid students, the week will be similar to virtual Wednesdays, with special education classes (12:1:1) in person and the Media Center available for students who need internet access all five days. There will be virtual classes Monday through Friday. There will be no transportation for half day CTE programs. Out-of-district placements and full day programs (i.e., Tech Valley, New Visions, out-of-district special education) will have attendance and transportation, as usual. Please contact Principal Moore (jmoore@cairodurham.org) or Principal Schips (dschips@cairodurham.org) if you have questions. [Meals will also be available](#) for pick-up on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We expect to return to in-person instruction at the MS/HS on Monday, December 7. Therefore, the first week of the [new 6-12 hybrid model](#) is postponed one week and will begin on 12/7 instead of 11/30. If you have questions about the [new hybrid model](#), please contact Principal Moore (jmoore@cairodurham.org) or Principal Schips (dschips@cairodurham.org).

With Thanksgiving upon us, I want to express gratitude for keeping our schools open beyond what most people anticipated. Please keep in mind how our activities outside of school can potentially impact our overall learning environment. We ask for your help in making sure everyone celebrates and observes this year's activities in a different way that puts health and safety first. Everyone can [make Thanksgiving safer](#) by staying home and celebrating with people in your household, or by wearing masks indoors at all times (except when eating and drinking) and keeping at least six feet of distance.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Michael Wetherbee,

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