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## **TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

Today, I reporting the following COVID-positive cases to Summit County Public Health officials:

- One (1) Virtual Academy Kindergarten student;
- One (1) Virtual Academy 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student;
- One (1) On-Campus 9<sup>th</sup> grade student; and
- One (1) On-Campus 12<sup>th</sup> grade student

Thanks for continuing to encourage your children and each other to practice the COVID-19 safety protocols of wearing a mask, keeping socially distanced from others, and frequently sanitizing hands and/or frequently washing them with soap and water.

Over the last week, I've noticed quite a bit of speculation about the 2021/2022 school year posted in social media. I would like to dispel any rumors that our school district has made decisions about next year. Since the pandemic began, we have worked hard to collect feedback from parents and staff members prior to making any decisions about the operation of the school district. We strive to be transparent in our efforts. The most important thing is to develop a plan that is responsive to the needs of our school community while remaining cognizant of the guidance and requirements mandated by the Ohio Department of Health, Governor DeWine's Office, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Summit County Public Health Department. Every family has their own special set of circumstances and it will be our intention to collect feedback from our parents so that we can develop a plan that is as responsive as possible. Our plan must follow expected health and safety protocols and keep the health and safety of our students and staff members as our priority. This work is complicated given the ever-evolving nature of the pandemic. Currently, I am developing a parent survey and a companion staff survey that will be forwarded via our Blackboard Connect email at the end of next week. It will be our intention to collect the feedback offered through the surveys prior to Spring Break so that we can move forward in developing a plan for the 2021/2022 school year. I promise to keep you informed along the way.

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow, Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, is a non-student day as our staff members will receive their second COVID-19 vaccine and engage in professional development activities. Thanks for your understanding and for your continued support.

Sincerely, Kathi Powers Superintendent

