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Dear Samuel Bissell Elementary School Family:

As I mentioned in previous correspondence to you, we are concerned about the recent increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in our school district, especially at Samuel Bissell Elementary School. Over the last several days, we identified two (2) classrooms as having COVID-clusters which means at least three (3) COVID-positive individuals from the same group with symptom onset within ten (10) days of each other.

Since April 8, 2022, health officials at the Summit County Public Health Department have identified fifteen (15) COVID-positive cases from Samuel Bissell Elementary School. In correspondence received yesterday regarding our increase in the number of positive cases, health officials wrote:

"We have now seen 15 reported cases from Bissell Elementary since April 8th. What we know of the new Omicron variant is that it is highly transmissible, so even your students walking through the halls and sharing bathrooms and cafeteria space at this point with that many individuals sick, it is not likely to be contained to just a couple of classrooms."

Although none of us desires a return to mandatory masks and greater physical distance measures, I am writing this letter to suggest that you may want to consider your child wearing a mask to school, at least until our COVID-positive numbers decrease at Samuel Bissell Elementary School. Also, I respectfully request that you remind your child of the importance of frequent handwashing and hand sanitization. These small measures may make a huge difference in ensuring a healthy and happy end to this school year.

Thanks for your continued support,

Kathi Powers, Superintendent

