Russell Stewart Interim Superintendent of Schools (631) 382-2006

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Dear Smithtown Community:

As mentioned in my correspondence last night, our community must work together to face the challenges that we are currently presented with.

We anticipate that the number of in-District cases of COVID-19 will increase. Moving forward, confirmed cases will be posted on the <u>School Closure FAQ</u> page of the District website. This information will be shared as part of our ongoing efforts to keep the community informed of issues of concern. However, please remain mindful that we must respect the laws relating to the privacy of our students and employees, and therefore are unable to comment with any further details about individuals or reported information.

According to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, an investigation is opened, and close contact tracing is initiated when they are notified of a positive case. The Department of Health continues to work to identify close contacts and apply guarantine orders as necessary.

Any individuals who need medical care should call their medical providers to report their illnesses prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Anyone exhibiting symptoms is asked to call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

Remember that our best chance to limit the spread of this virus is to work together and follow appropriate New York State Department of Health guidance.

Thank you for your support to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

Russell Stewart Interim Superintendent of Schools