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November 16, 2020

Dear Cleveland Hill Parent/Guardian;

This is the follow up to my letter dated November 13, 2020 regarding parental consent for COVID-19 testing here on campus.

The link for the consent that we need from you to test your child(ren) is below. The template will allow you to give consent for all or individual children. It will also let you deny consent for all or individual children. As I previously stated, if we do not have enough students eligible to be tested, we may be forced to shift the district to full remote learning until we have enough to be tested, or until our micro-cluster designation and testing requirements with that come to an end. Please note that testing in the different zone designations varies.

[Link to Form Consent](#)

At this time, in the current yellow zone, I have no intent of forcing students who do not have consent to test into remote learning. We will stay in the hybrid as long as we have the capacity to meet the minimum testing requirements for the yellow zone micro-cluster.

If we are designated an orange or red zone, that would require us to have 100% of students, faculty and tested. This would force us into full remote for all students until we establish the necessary capacity for testing, or until the designation and testing requirements are lifted.

We are still developing our testing plan and protocol. We have had our struggles with this. The Erie County Department of Health rescinding their partnership with us was the first. We learned this morning that our School Physician is also not able to provide the necessary support we need for testing. That said, we have completed the application process to become a licensed testing center ourselves. That application was sent out earlier today.

Please know that when we do begin testing, making students comfortable with it will be a top priority. For familiarity sake, we are planning on having our own nurses conduct the testing. Parents will be notified before their child is tested. Should any child have a positive test, that family will be notified immediately. If parents don't hear from us that day, the test result was negative. We are planning on administering these tests during the day here on campus while your child is in school.

Again, these tests will be the BinaxNOW testing card. These tests will be administered at no cost to you. This is **NOT** the invasive test that is inserted deep into the nasal cavity. I have attached a video that demonstrates the administration of the test for your review: <https://youtu.be/h5dRjdLVAPM>

Once we receive our testing license, we will follow up with the specific details regarding the testing program here at Cleveland Hill. This message, securing parental consent for testing is vital in the development of that plan. I thank you again for your trust, support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon MacSwan  
Superintendent