

WHARTON BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.wbps.org

“Learn to Thrive in a Dynamic World”



Marie V. Duffy Elementary School

“Governor’s School of Excellence”
Pamela S. Blalock, Principal

Alfred C. MacKinnon Middle School

Mr. Robert D. Hayzler, Principal

Christopher Herdman
Superintendent

Sandy Cammarata
Business Administrator

Colleen Silvestri
Director of
Curriculum & Instruction

Marie Giantomasi
Director of Special Education
& Child Study Team Services

Board of Education
Robin Ghebreal
President

Jennifer Hobbs
Vice President

Anthony Astrologo
Gilbert Bahr
Paul Breda
John McCusker
Wayne Schiele

Superintendent’s Office
973.361.2592
Fax 973.895.2187

Business Office
973.361.2593
Fax 973.442-7593

Marie V. Duffy School
973.361.2506
Fax 973.361.4917

Alfred C. MacKinnon School
973.361.1253
Fax 973.361.4805

Child Study Team
973.361.3010
Fax 973.361.4897

Guidance
973.361.2506
Fax 973.361.4917

137 East Central Avenue
Wharton, NJ 07885

October 19, 2020,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that a small number of students have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our middle school. As you are likely aware, there has been a recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in recent days in our area. We are working closely with the Department of Health and they are performing contact tracing. While it is likely that our social distancing and wearing of facial coverings would have prevented students and staff from being a “close contact”, anyone deemed to be in this category, will be individually contacted by a member of the Department of Health.

In an abundance of caution, and to permit for the disinfection of the schools, the district will offer “Virtual” only instruction for the next two weeks. Duffy and MacKinnon will reopen for in-person instruction on Wednesday, November 4.

RESOURCES

- a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- d. Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>; <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- e. How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

You can assist us by remaining vigilant, but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our school nurse. Again, as stated prior, the Department of Health will contact you directly if your child was deemed a “close contact”.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman