



SAXE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Saxe Family,

Early this morning, we were notified of a positive COVID case at Saxe Middle School. The student who tested positive has quarantined and has taken the appropriate steps as advised by the NC Health Department and the NCPS. In partnership with the Health Department, our contact tracing resulted in quarantines of several individuals due to close contact either in school or due to other activities. **Any student/family directly involved has received notification and will be updated with more specific detail today.**

Our experiences with our hybrid live-streaming model allow us to respond accordingly when students and staff may periodically need to quarantine. Thanks to its flexible design, and the outstanding work of our teachers to learn and implement it, our model provides a way for students to remain engaged, continue learning, and keep pace with their classes, all of which eases their return to school at the conclusion of the quarantine period. **Of course, anyone not feeling well should take time to rest and recuperate, and anyone with COVID symptoms ([CDC- symptoms](#)) should speak with a doctor.**

For specific information/detail on quarantine and testing, please review [Dr. Luizzi's message to the community from October 8th](#). Again, please remember that close contacts may **not** "test out" of quarantine, regardless of the test being used. For the latest updates, please review Dr. Luizzi's message to the community yesterday (10/21) and please visit the "[Charting our Course](#)" for the most comprehensive list of information and resources.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we are proudly able to keep serving our community and most importantly, our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

Dave Gusitsch
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