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Dear Community,

As has been the case across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this week has been a challenging one for the HPS community, with several new COVID cases reported across the district. Of greatest concern is the news of four positive cases this week at Plymouth River School.

After consultation with the Hingham Health Department, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Massachusetts Department of Education, I have made the decision to designate Plymouth River School as fully remote on Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th. This was done out of an abundance of caution, and will allow time for thorough contact tracing and additional deep cleaning of the PRS building.

Members of the PRS community should expect to receive additional information from school administration, including updates as they become available. Any member of our school community who is considered to be a close contact per Department of Public Health guidance will be contacted as soon as possible.

This news offers another strong reminder that members of our school community must remain vigilant, both in and out of school, and continue to make efforts to be physically distant, follow safety protocols, and wear masks.

Respectfully,

Paul Austin, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Hingham Public Schools