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## Wyckoff Schools Weekly

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Dear Wyckoff School District Community,

In 1947, when he was 18 years old, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote the following in an article for his school newspaper: "Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education." Now, almost 75 years later, these words certainly still ring true, and we work daily to achieve this goal for our students here in the Wyckoff schools.

In-person learning resumed Monday, and we are glad to have our students back in their schools. We have had 9 new positive cases of COVID-19 in the district this week, bringing our total to 61 cases since September. According to the NJDOH COVID-19 Weekly Activity Report, Bergen County is in the "High (orange)" Regional Risk category at this time. We are continuing to follow the protocols provided by our state and local health officials at the New Jersey and Bergen County Departments of Health (NJDOH/BCDOH), including the following guidance updated by NJDOH on December 22, 2020:

"In the school setting, excluded individuals who are close contacts of staff or students with COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who tested positive for COVID-19 may be considered for a reduced exclusion period based on Regional Risk Levels:

*High (orange)* - Exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 14 days.

*Moderate or Low (yellow or green)* - Exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days. (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days)."

As a reminder, we have two upcoming virtual parent workshops on the evenings of January 20th and 21st. The topics are supporting your elementary and middle school children during the pandemic. In addition, our technology teachers are starting a new series called "Tech Tuesdays" to provide support for parents on virtual learning tools. Please see the flyers on our website [wyckoffps.org](http://wyckoffps.org) for more information on the above offerings.

We are proud to announce that Mr. Michael Sasson, Music Teacher and Band Director at Eisenhower Middle School, has been invited to perform at the Presidential Inauguration ceremony on January 20th. We are honored to have a faculty member with this distinction, and we wish him all the best.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerry L. Postma".

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