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Dear Wyckoff School District Community,

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday, and that the start of the new year has brought you, as it has me, a welcome feeling of renewal and hope, even as we continue to navigate these uncertain times.

We will reopen our schools for in-person learning on Monday, and we look forward to seeing our students and families again and regaining a rhythm of normalcy for our youngsters. As an update, we have had 20 new positive cases of COVID-19 reported in the District over the past month while we were fully remote, bringing the current total for the school year up to 52 positive cases. We kindly ask that parents continue to follow the daily screening process at home each day, and if your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, please keep him or her home from school and reach out to your school nurse. Please note that per our health officials at the BCDOH, we will follow the [new 10-day recommendation regarding travel quarantines](#). The 14-day quarantine guideline still applies for instances when an individual has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the very sad news of the untimely passing of Mr. Eli Moran on December 20th. Mr. Moran served as a custodian at Sicomac School. He was known for his warm and friendly demeanor, and he is dearly missed by our school community.

These difficult times in our community and in our nation remind us to continue to prioritize in our classrooms and our homes the values that matter most: kindness, integrity, respect, and good citizenship, to name just a few. I am very proud of our schools here in Wyckoff, where our faculty works hard to teach students not only the strategies to think critically and acquire knowledge, but also, using social-emotional learning approaches such as Responsive Classroom and daily schoolwide Words of Wisdom announcements, and more, they teach students the vital skills of how to build strong character and healthy, interdependent relationships.

As a reminder, we have [two upcoming virtual parent workshops](#) on the evenings of January 20 and 21st. The topics are supporting your elementary and middle school children during the pandemic. Please see the flyer on our website wyckoffschools.org for more information.

I wish you all a pleasant and safe weekend, and we look forward to seeing our students next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry L. Postma". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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