BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Staff,

The Bolton Public Schools was notified today that one student in grade 2 at BCS tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The affected individual has been instructed to isolate at home by the school nurse or the Eastern Highlands Health District staff. A mask should continue to be worn for an additional five days after isolation at all times when around other people indoors.

Below is the list of COVID-19 symptoms for which everyone should monitor in their family members:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher) when taken by mouth
- Chills, muscle pain, body aches
- Shortness of breath
- Cough (or new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing for students with chronic allergies/asthma)
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever
- Loss of taste or smell

For additional information on COVID-19 symptoms, please visit <u>CDC COVID Symptoms and Testing.</u> Staff and students exhibiting any of the above symptoms, or feeling ill, should remain home and call their medical provider to report their symptoms and ask about testing prior to seeking in-person care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. The complete list of testing sites across the state can be found at https://www.211ct.org/covidtesting. Please note that users can filter to show locations that offer pediatric testing as well.

Yesterday, the Town of Vernon announced the opening of a state-sponsored regional COVID-19 PCR testing site at 375 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon. The expanded testing is available through a creative and innovative public-private-partnership between the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Griffin Health, The Jackson Laboratory, North Central District Health Department, Connecticut National Guard and the Town of Vernon. Please see the attached flyer for specific information about testing days/times/appointments ~ Vernon Regional COVID Testing Site.pdf.

Thank you for patience and partnership as we face these trying times together.

Stay safe and be well,

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