



Dear Trimmer Families:

As we communicated last weekend, we closed Trimmer Elementary School for two weeks as we had some positive cases develop. Since last Friday, we received reports of more positive cases connected to Trimmer Elementary. **Therefore, after consultation with the PADOH, and out of an abundance of caution and concern, we are extending Trimmer's closure through Friday, September 25, 2020.** We are not at liberty to disclose any details of the positive cases. The next paragraph is our rationale for extending the closure.

Essentially, if an individual becomes symptomatic they will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Since the virus has an incubation period of 2 weeks, people from Trimmer may continue to become symptomatic throughout the next week. This means that those individuals who become symptomatic next week may need to quarantine through the beginning of October. Even more concerning to me are those individuals who may be positive for COVID-19 but not symptomatic. This is of great concern because these individuals may unknowingly spread the virus to others. After observing how easily this virus spread through Trimmer - even with our social distancing and increased cleaning and hygiene efforts, and continuing to receive reports of positive cases from individuals who are symptomatic, I can't help but assume that there is also a possibility that there may be asymptomatic positive cases as well.

Our ultimate goal is to keep our buildings open as much as possible and for as long as possible. We are not out of the woods with COVID-19, and we have a long way to go before we are. There will be more bumps in the road this year, but please know that we are prepared to work through those obstacles in order to continue providing education to the students of West York.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Minacci.

Sincerely,

Todd Davies
Superintendent of Schools