



DANSVILLE, NY

September 17, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have arrived at the end of our first full week of school and we are all grateful for the weekend just to catch our breath. We have had a strong start to the school year and we are all very pleased to be fully open.

It is important for you to know that COVID-19 cases and quarantines among the school aged population throughout Livingston County are modestly increasing. DCSD experienced a few COVID related interruptions this week. We also sent some children home with a variety of symptoms this week.

When we send a child home we do so to protect others and we require that the child be cleared by a doctor before returning. Clearance means a negative test or an alternate diagnosis, a note from the doctor and the cessation of symptoms.

Staying open for in-person instruction and doing so safely is our highest priority right now. Please continue to screen your children each morning and have your children with an illness seen and cleared to attend by a doctor before returning your child to school.

We are all counting on one another to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the children while we also prevent other illnesses that mock COVID symptoms.

Despite the concerns mentioned above, we had a very good week here at DCS and we plan to keep our students and schools rolling forward. It's great to have all the kids back.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul J. Alioto
Superintendent

Quarantines and positives for the week of 9/12-9/17. We have observed an increase in quarantines and positives this week over last week in our schools (see table below). Children sent home with symptoms who have not been tested yet are not included in this count. At the time of this writing there were 98 active cases in Livingston County and 16 in the 14437 zip code area.

9/17/21	DPS	EBH ES	DHS	District
Quarantined Students	1	6	11	NA
Quarantined Employees	0	1	1	0
COVID-19 Positive Students	0	1	3	NA
COVID-19 Positive Employees	0	1	0	0

Reminders from Last Week

Morning drop off. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who are driving or walking students to school. Traffic flow has been slow in the morning but has improved each day. Exiting the main parking lot has been easier for those dropping off just before 7:30 each morning. Please come to a full stop at crosswalks, be patient and be safe.

Student programs. We appreciate your assistance with an important task. We need every DCS family to return a completed free and reduced price lunch and breakfast application (FRPL) to school. Our state aid, which pays for about 67% of our budget, depends on FRPL counts. This money is used to keep class sizes low and student programs running. Meals are free this year because of federal nutrition aid but don't let that deter you from completing and submitting the application. It is in your child's Friday folder (PK-6) and will also be in the District Calendar as a pull out section. Families can expect to receive the calendar before the end of next week. This is important. Thank you for your help.