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Dear Families and Friends of West Haven Public Schools,

As we head into mid-October and reflect upon the weeks since we re-opened our schools, we cannot help but to be proud of what has been accomplished. With students present in our buildings 5 days per week, and instruction successfully resuming in our classrooms, we are deeply grateful that the low transmission rate in our state has allowed us to provide a robust educational opportunity for the students in West Haven. It was our intention to let the data guide our decision-making and open our doors confident that we could provide a safe place for our students and staff to reconnect.

While our buildings have remained safe, the impact of positive cases in the community has, nevertheless, affected our student body. We have responded to a total of 6 positive cases of students who have tested positive for COVID-19 after attending school. Each case was responded to swiftly, both students and staff have been asked to quarantine for the 14-day incubation period as required by the state, and cleaning protocols have been consistent in order to maintain student and staff safety. We certainly anticipated that, like surrounding districts, we would be faced with the challenges of positive cases in our community. However, we are continually improving upon and refining our response rate and efficiency in order to keep our schools safe.

As you prepare plans for the upcoming long weekend, and the beautiful fall weather, we ask that you remain vigilant for the sake of our continued success. While you are enjoying the many exciting events the upcoming weeks will offer, please continue to observe social distance guidelines and wear face coverings while socializing. We want to continue to move toward a full re-opening of our schools, and can only accomplish this with your support. Safe schools start with safe communities, and we hope everyone will continue to do their part to keep West Haven Schools open!

Sincerely,

Neil C. Cavallaro

Superintendent of Schools