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Dear Families of School of the Arts,

Monroe County has seen a large increase in positive COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks. Based on the District's ongoing communication with the Monroe County Department of Public Health, many cases in students are being contracted outside of school.

When we are notified of a positive student case, we must then quarantine all students who were in close contact with that student. This greatly increases the number of students who have to miss daily instruction in school.

At School of the Arts, we remain vigilant in our layered mitigation approach, which includes wearing masks both indoors and outdoors, maintaining physical distance, using outdoor spaces as often as possible, reinforcing proper handwashing, and using best practices for cleaning and disinfecting.

We need your help. Please be sure to keep sick children at home and follow all social distancing guidelines when attending social events outside of school, including masking. This will be an important measure in preventing exposures over the Thanksgiving break. For more information, please visit our District's COVID-19 information webpage at <https://www.rcsdk12.org/COVID19>.

As a reminder, students have the opportunity to be tested weekly right at school. This is a preventative measure to help keep our schools safe, and it is completely voluntary. Consent forms can be accessed at your child's school and are posted on the website at www.rcsdk12.org/covidconsent.

Getting vaccinated is also an important step. COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available for those ages 5 and up through Monroe County vaccination sites. As a reminder, Pfizer is the only vaccine currently available for those ages 5-17.

- Visit www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19 or call (585) 753-5555 to schedule an appointment
- Appointments can also be found on the Fingers Lakes Vaccine Hub at www.flvaccinehub.com/

Thank you for your continued support, as we continue to observe these safety measures and work together to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Nicastro".

Kelly Nicastro
Principal