



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good Evening Grape Pickers!

First, our number one goal is to keep our students and staff safe. Second, we are making our best efforts to continue our mitigation protocols in order to keep our buildings open. We continue to evaluate and reflect on a daily basis and, have been making changes as needed. If your child has been identified as a close contact, please make sure you are following the instructions provided by the Pandemic Coordinator. Quarantine means the student must stay home to include not attending outside activities and events.

We are asking that you are patient and kind to our nurses, as they are following compliance with the local and state Departments of Health and CDC guidelines for close contacts. We are doing the best we can to mitigate in our schools to keep our students and staff safe and are respectfully asking that our families do the same.

Parents, if you have a student that is in quarantine, then becomes ill, please contact your child's school as you would normally do so at any other time.

As local COVID numbers are on the rise, this is a reminder to have a plan in place in the event we may need to close a building and/or the district. If you need anything to switch from in-person to our virtual schedule, please contact your building administration.

Again, please be patient and kind to my staff. We are asking you to be an ambassador for our schools and community and, to follow the "Golden Rule". We are all human beings and many with families. It has been a very long eighteen months and our goal is to provide the best educational opportunities for our children in a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent