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Dear Parents,

As we draw closer to our winter break, I am writing with an overview of present conditions and updates to our operating plan.

### **Summary**

Despite best efforts with safety procedures implemented at home and at school we have been touched by COVID-19 at Erie Day School. Between October and December, two children and one teacher tested positive for the virus. Fortunately, everyone has recovered, and we have only been affected as a school community by one exposure in our middle school. Fifth and sixth grade students and four teachers transitioned to online learning for three days to mitigate the risk factors.

### **Updates**

Further efforts to assist in decreasing transmission have included the following tactics:

1. Decrease potential cases
  - With a call for assistance, families able/willing transitioned their child(ren) to online learning, increasing our remote learners from 26 to 45, PS through Grade 8; and
  - Early-morning health checks have led increasing numbers of parents to keep children home that may be exhibiting one or more symptoms of the virus. Parents are following through with pediatrician consultations.
2. Re-examine cohorts
  - We have revisited our cohorts of learners and eliminated any mingling between grade levels at recess and early childhood gym times.
3. Mitigate contagion
  - We are increasing the frequency of open classroom windows and outdoor play.

Yours in safety,

Dr. Karen Tyler, Head of School