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Dear Pearl River School Community,

The ability of our schools to remain open, and sustaining good community health through this pandemic are directly tied to the diligent and persistent observance of the practices that have been recommended by the CDC and the NYSDOH. Although we have had trying experiences with the quarantining of students and staff, overall we have been largely successful in keeping our schools open. I am grateful for the strong support of our students, staff, and parents in this effort.

I write today to encourage everyone to keep up with the safe practices that are making it possible for our schools to stay open, and for all of us to be safe. I also want to address a concern that has arisen from learning of large parties held over the weekend that may have been attended by some of our high school students, as well as other students from a neighboring school district. At this time new cases in a neighboring district have been linked to this event.

I encourage parents to continue talking with their children about healthy practices, and how to avoid situations that can lead to the spread of COVID-19. Gatherings, such as the ones that have been reported from this last weekend, have the potential to spread the virus, causing illness, and reversing the good progress we have made. Any student who attended a party this past weekend should talk with their parents and contact the Rockland County Department of Health as they may have to quarantine. Any questions related to potential exposure, testing, contact tracing or quarantining should be directed to the RCDOH at (845) 238-1956 or by emailing COVIDCallCenter@co.rockland.ny.us.

Unrelated to these parties, a new case has been identified today among our PRHS student body. In this case, the student has not been in attendance since October 26, therefore the Rockland County Department of Health has advised us that no further action is required. As with all of our students who have contracted the virus, we wish our student a full and speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools