March 29, 2021

Dear Staff, Parents, and Families:

Over the weekend, we learned of a student at Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS that tested positive for COVID-19.

We also learned of a staff member at Cold Spring ELC that tested positive for COVID-19.

Both individuals were last present in the district on March 24th. Due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released.

We have reviewed both case with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. Given the specifics of each case, the Department of Health has advised us that contact tracing is necessary. All students and staff at Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS, and Cold Spring ELC that were in contact with the student or staff member have been notified. If have not been contacted by the school to quarantine, then it is not necessary for you to do so.

Please be reminded of the following:

- If any staff member / student shows any symptoms of COVID-19, it is essential that the individual stay home. Please notify the district if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.
- Please continue to utilize the health screener when you are scheduled to be in any of the district buildings.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse or building administrator.

Sincerely,

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent