Dear Marathon Parents and Guardians,

We were advised over the weekend that a person who was in attendance at the Jr./Sr. High has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Cortland County Health Department investigated the contacts of this individual and determined that no additional students or staff would need to be quarantined. In addition, we were alerted today, Monday December 7th, of another positive case at the Jr./Sr. High. This case was also investigated and it was determined that no additional students or staff needed to be quarantined. Marathon CSD will remain in our normal hybrid schedule for all other students and staff in UPK-12th grade. We will deep clean and sanitize our school buildings and school buses on a daily basis. Students and staff have done an excellent job of wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands. Thank you for being vigilant while at school and for working to keep interactions at a minimum outside of school.

It is important that students and staff who feel sick stay home. If you or a family member start to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 (defined by CDC to include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, congestion or running nose), please reach out to your physician and inform the appropriate school nurse. If you do not have a physician, you can call Guthrie Cortland Medical Central at (607) 299-7676, Upstate Medical University at (315) 464-3979, Cayuga’s Call Center at (607) 319-5708 or Binghamton University’s Drive-Thru Site at 1-888-364-3064. If you would like further information on COVID-19, please go to this Cortland County website, [https://www.cortland-co.org/432/Health-Department](https://www.cortland-co.org/432/Health-Department).

We thank you for your understanding and patience. We will continue to support our students, families, faculty and staff to the best of our ability. Let’s all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can stay open.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stone
Marathon CSD Superintendent