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Dear OLSS Families,

During this challenging time with COVID-19 and the fall season starting, allergies issues in many of our students are occurring more frequently. Due to symptoms like runny nose/congestion and cough which can be allergy related or COVID symptoms, we are finding that it is becoming increasingly difficult to decipher between the two. Unfortunately, if we do not have documentation from a healthcare provider that your child has a pre-existing condition like allergies or asthma, when we contact the health department to update them, it is forcing us to close the classroom down until further evaluation and testing can be done.

In an effort to help minimize this effect, I am requesting all families that have students that have allergies or asthma that cause congestion/runny nose and or cough, to please have your healthcare provider provide the school with written documentation of this pre-existing condition to be kept on file at the school. This will greatly reduce the need for quarantine and testing due to allergy related symptoms.

Again, thank you so much for everyone's patience, understanding, and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

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