Richmond Community Schools

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Richmond Early Childhood Learning Center & Will L. Lee Elementary School	**Richmond Middle School**	**Richmond High School**
68399 Forest	35250 Division	35320 Division
Richmond, Michigan 48062	Richmond, Michigan 48062	Richmond, Michigan 48062
David Kochan, Principal	Keith Bartels, Principal	Andrew Kastl, Principal

October 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

THE MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MCHD) HAS IDENTIFIED A STUDENT/STAFF PERSON AT RICHMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO IS A CONFIRMED OR PROBABLE CASE OF COVID-19. The MCHD and Richmond Community Schools are working closely to identify persons who may have been exposed. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will receive a telephone call from building administration and a separate communication from a health department staff member.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). Illness begins 2 to 14 days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 can include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, and abdominal pain.

It is extremely important that parents/guardians monitor their children closely and complete at-home screening each day, including a temperature check, prior to sending their child to school. Please notify the school if your child is exhibiting any symptoms and keep them home until you can see your healthcare provider.

Since the start of school on September 8, 2020 one-hundred eighteen (118) students and/or staff persons have been **impacted by** confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and six (6) students and/or staff persons have been **identified as probable or confirmed** COVID-19 cases.

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The students and staff persons impacted by COVID-19 has resulted in the District not having enough Bus Drivers to operate all the bus runs in the District. **THEREFORE, BEGINNING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, THE TURTLE BUS WILL NOT RUN. FAMILIES THAT RELY ON THE TURTLE BUS WILL HAVE TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THEIR CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL.** We apologize for the disruption this will causes families.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us here at school or visit the District's website, www.richmond.k12.mi.us, for more information. Additionally, you may contact the Macomb County Health Department Communicable Disease Program at (586) 783-8190 or visit their website, https://hcs.macombgov.org/HCS-Home.

Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.
Superintendent

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