

Canastota Central School District

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Dear Community:

The Madison County Department of Health advised the district this morning that a student in the Junior Senior High School has tested positive for COVID-19. In collaboration with Madison County Health Department, it was decided to close the Albanese Complex (RSES and JSHS) on Tuesday and Wednesday for all students and staff. Students were dismissed around 11 am on Tuesday.

The DOH has begun its contact tracing process and will be identifying and notifying individuals considered to be in close contact with the student who tested positive.

Following its investigation, DOH determined that there is no connection to students in grades K-3 at Peterboro Street Elementary School and South Side Elementary School. Those buildings will remain open and on a normal schedule today and tomorrow.

For families who need meals, our meal pickup service will maintain its normal hours of 9:30-11:30 am and 3-6 pm. We will also continue our normal Wednesday meal delivery service.

We expect to reopen as normal on Thursday, October 1. If that changes, we will notify you as soon as possible. The student who tested positive, and any other students, faculty, and staff who were exposed, will not return to school until the Madison County Health Department provides clearance for them to do so. They will utilize remote instruction as needed during this period. We hope you understand that due to privacy laws, we cannot provide any additional information about the student who tested positive or about those who may have been exposed.

If you are not contacted by the health department but would still like to be tested, please visit <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/> for a list of local testing facilities.

In addition to following the county health department's recommendations, we will continue to deep clean and sanitize our school buildings and school buses on a daily basis. Please continue to practice and encourage good hand-washing hygiene, wear face masks and practice social distancing. If you or a family member start to exhibit symptoms of the virus, please reach out to your physician and inform your school nurse.

Please know the district's top priority is to protect the health, welfare and safety of our students, staff and community while complying with government orders and guidance. Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our schools open and our community safe.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school building main office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Bisetta".

Shawn Bisetta, Superintendent