January 15, 2021

Dear Summit parents and caregivers,

Following is an update on Covid-19 Testing at Summit Academy for the week ending Friday, January 15. This week we tested a random sample of staff and students. **All tests within our sample were negative**. We will continue testing each week through the end of the month to achieve the required 20% sample.

	Summit Central	*Creekside*
Staff	10	3
Students	17	4

Once again, the testing process implemented by our school nurses and staff volunteers, went very smoothly. I am incredibly proud of the students who have participated in testing and our staff who have supported them. As a reminder, we will not perform a test on any student without your written consent. We also will not test any student with consent who demonstrates significant refusal.

Although testing consent forms continue to trickle in, we are still waiting to hear back from many of you. If you haven't already, I urge you to print the consent form, sign it and return it to us at 150 Stahl Road, Getzville, New York 14068.

Additionally, we ask for your continued patience as we continue to address the many facets of this pandemic and its impact on our school. We are working extremely hard to keep our classrooms open. However, please be aware that due to staffing shortages associated with quarantine requirements we *may* be forced to close individual classrooms. I encourage all of you to have a plan in place if we must temporarily move to virtual instruction.

On a positive note, our staff are now eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine as part of New York State's Phase 1B. Some have already received their first dose which is certainly a light at the end of this very long tunnel. At this point, only the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for children ages 16 and up. It is our hope, that when the vaccines become more readily available everyone will get vaccinated to help us move forward.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Susan

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