December 13, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

I am writing to provide you with some important information concerning our COVID-19 surveillance testing program. First of all, thank you for your support at the beginning of this school year. Through our collective efforts we’ve been able to return our students safely back to in-person learning.

MVPS’s surveillance testing program is up and running, and many of you have already provided consent to participate. If you have not yet provided consent, please do so. Consent can be provided online and takes only a few minutes. Please use this link to provide all the necessary information: https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma

Unfortunately, we continue to see a rise in the number of COVID cases on the Island and, as we go into the winter months, we are concerned that this trend will persist. Consequently, we will be taking proactive steps aimed at keeping our students and staff safe. First and foremost, every week we will be testing all students and staff who have provided consent. By regular weekly testing we will better be able to stem any potential school outbreaks and ensure that we keep our students in school. Furthermore, at the High School, we are requiring students who participate in extra-curricular activities to provide consent to be tested. Additionally, any overnight trips will require all staff and students who are part of the trip to be tested the week prior and the week after the overnight trip. At our local school committee meetings, we will be discussing any additional protocols that may be implemented at our elementary schools. I will continue to keep you informed.

Once again, your support is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew D’Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools