



# West Irondequoit Central School District

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Dear Families and Staff,

At a time when compassion and kindness should be our priority, our nation was jolted again Wednesday. Like so many others, I could not believe what I saw happening in Washington, D.C. To borrow words we've all read and heard often over the past 24 hours, the images were both shocking, disturbing and something I hope we will never see again. They cannot be ignored. So, as educators, we did what we always do; we treated this significant event as a moment for reflection and learning. I asked Ms. Kim Cristal, our K-12 Curriculum Supervisor of Social Studies, to provide us with her perspective on just that. Please read it below under the title, "United We Stand."

## **UNITED WE STAND**

"Like many communities across the country, West Irondequoit students came to school today confident that our district remains a safe place for all students to process the world around them, express their own thoughts, ask hard questions, and face uncomfortable truths. In our classrooms, we supported one another by listening and learning with our teachers, classmates, and peers. This proves our core value as a community that during unsettling events – divisive, destructive or otherwise – our diversity is a source of strength, and we will continue to forge ahead during unprecedented times. As we strive to do every day, we will continue to problem-solve and grow together, leaning on one another."

## **COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE**

The MCDPH today reported six new positive cases in our District:

- One Dake Junior High School student
- Two students and one staff member at Irondequoit HS
- One Briarwood student
- One staff member at Rogers Middle School

MCDPH's contact tracing determined that each case was the result of community spread with no close contacts happening in school. Per federal privacy laws, we cannot disclose any more details or personally identifiable information about these or any cases. If you have questions about these, contact tracing and/or quarantining, call the [MCDPH](https://www.monroecounty.gov) COVID-19 Hotline at (585) 753-5555 or email [COVID19@monroecounty.gov](mailto:COVID19@monroecounty.gov).

For all COVID-related updates/resources, visit the [COVID-19 Information page](#) at the District website.

In partnership,

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