



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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April 13, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last few days, there has been an uptake in COVID cases at ACES Elementary School. The school district has been working closely with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), contact tracing, and the Department of Public Health. An epidemiologist has been assigned to examine the cases. The epidemiologist stated there is not a need at this time to close the school. Still, they recommend that the district test students in Kindergarten where there is evidence of potential classroom transmission.

The district is continuously monitoring the situation. The classes where a positive case has been identified have changed from in-person learning to remote learning until contact tracing clears all close contacts to return to school. Further, if the teacher is recognized as close contact, the class will remain remote until the teacher is cleared to return.

The pandemic has made it challenging to navigate parents needing to have their children in school to work, our students and staff's safety, and following the guidelines given to us by DESE. Please know we are doing all we can to balance everything thoughtfully. Tonight I will hold a parent meeting to answer any questions you may have. The zoom link for the meeting can be found at the end of this letter.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Darcy Fernandes
Superintendent
Athol-Royalston Regional School District

Topic: ACES Parent Meeting
Time: Apr 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85443840872?pwd=aXo0RHhJTHFHk2lKbDFZeWEvR294UT09>

Meeting ID: 854 4384 0872
Passcode: 269928