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Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent
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Dear Staff, Parents, and Guardians,

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school open for in-person learning, we will be offering **FREE and CONVENIENT COVID-19 testing for students and staff at Kittson Central School**. Testing can help protect you, our students, family members, and others who are at risk for getting seriously sick from COVID-19. Through this program, we will be able to identify COVID-19 cases quickly and early, which can help us stop an outbreak before it happens. We are working with our local and state health department and are joining other school districts throughout the state that offer this program.

- **Who will be tested?** Students or staff who are *symptomatic* or who *request* a test.
- **How is the testing done?** Members of our school staff will oversee testing with either a molecular nasal test or a molecular saliva test, which includes:
 - For nasal swabs: Gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. This test is not painful. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose.
 - For saliva tests: A saliva sample.
- **Where and when is the testing done?** Our school's testing site will be in the private health office or school nurse office and will take place as needed. Results will be available within 20 minutes for the nasal test and for the saliva test up to 48 hours after the test is picked up by UPS delivery driver.
- **How can I be sure that my information will be protected?** Sharing of information will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting your privacy and the security of your data.

This letter asks you to consent to:

- **take part in free testing as part of the Kittson Central COVID-19 Testing Program by getting tested if you show symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19.**

We are extremely grateful to you and all our committed staff and families who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to Jeanna Kujava, PHN School Nurse, Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent or Jami Carr, Principal/Athletic Director.

Sincerely,
Bob Jaszczak