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Good evening,

We are pleased to announce that Pooled testing began yesterday in RSU 9 for students and staff who had submitted their consent forms. We started with Mt. Blue Campus and Cascade Brook School and will continue in the rest of our schools next week.

How pooled testing works -

Student participates in weekly (classroom) pooled testing

If the pooled test (that the student is participating in) is positive:	If the pooled test is negative:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school notifies pool participants of positive test result• All students in the pooled test complete rapid test• Positive pool member isolates• All other members of the pool are considered close contacts but do not have to quarantine• <i>If a student participates in pooled testing and is exposed to a positive COVID-19 case at school, they do not have to quarantine from school and school-related activities, so long as they are not symptomatic.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No additional information or testing is necessary

Student DOES NOT participate in weekly (classroom) pooled testing

If the pooled test is positive:	If the pooled test is negative:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School notifies non-pool participants of positive pooled test result• Students who are close contacts (and have not met any exemptions, ex. vaccinated) must quarantine for 10 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No additional information or testing is necessary

Pooled testing participants can opt in or out at any point. If you would like to opt-in, you must complete this [consent form](#). Paper copies are available through the schools. We urge parents to consider this option as a way to reduce future potential quarantine days for their child.

Please call your school nurse if you have any questions.

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