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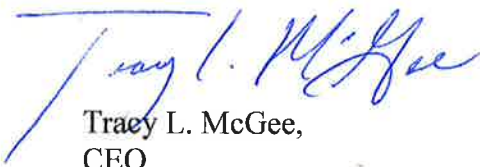
Dear Global Concepts Families,

Global Concepts Charter School is providing an opportunity through the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) in collaboration with Quadrant BioSciences, Inc. for your child to participate in two COVID-19 testing programs for students at this time. The testing programs are completely voluntary. Both testing programs use a swab in the mouth that children can do themselves with the supervision of a medical professional if they are over the age of 3. If your child is under the age of 3 or needs assistance, ECDOH is providing a medical professional to your school district who is trained and can complete the swabbing for them.

The first COVID-19 testing program is called Proximal Testing. Proximal Testing happens when there is a positive COVID-19 case in a classroom. If your child is in the same room as someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19, they will have the opportunity to have a COVID-19 test done 3-5 days after the last day they were around the COVID-19 positive person. Proximal Testing is offered 3-5 days later since that is the incubation period of the COVID-19 Delta Variant, which is the variant making up most of the cases in our county.

The second COVID-19 testing program is called Surveillance Testing. Surveillance Testing happens on a weekly basis. Each week, we will be randomly selecting and testing a group of those who have consented to participate in this program. This means that your child will not be tested every week. If you are interested in enrolling your child in either program or want to learn more, please visit the following website: <https://www3.erie.gov/covid/covid-19-proximal-testing-and-surveillance-testing-schools>

Sincerely,



Tracy L. McGee,
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