Dear SCCS Families,

I'm writing to inform all of our families of the new testing procedure we're unveiling on campus, which will allow each school to **test more students**, **test faster** & **test more accurately** every day.

To boost our capacity to offer both exposure testing & screening testing to all interested students, we've decided to partner with Inspired Diagnostics to conduct our on-site testing. Our testing capacity is vital to our schools right now, since testing exposed students allows them to remain in school.

This testing is free for all families. You will be asked for insurance information (all insurance companies are required by law to pay the full cost of COVID testing) but **even if you don't have insurance, you can sign up & get free testing**. If at any point you are sent a bill, send it to us. You won't have to pay.

Our partnership with <u>Inspired Diagnostics</u> means a quicker process for students, and provides **the more accurate PCR Test** (which screens for the virus itself), compared to the **Antigen Test** our staff had access to (which tests for antibodies commonly present following infection).

<u>Families who want to participate need to fill out this form</u> and your student will be given a QR code badge to use whenever they want or need to be tested at school. Fill out the form **with your student's information** & have either your insurance card or a drivers' license handy. If you don't have either, email us and we will be able to help with registration.

I apologize for asking for you to complete *yet another form*, but this partnership will provide powerful support in keeping our schools safe & open; and since opting-in will help your student stay in class, I encourage all families to sign up.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Best Regards, Kris Munro Superintendent