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December 7, 2020,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that two elementary students have tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Additionally, one unrelated staff member has also tested positive. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. These cases were not contracted in school and are from the same domicile. Which demonstrates our social distancing, and other protocols in place, are working.

Staff and students student who were in the same room will be notified individually as a part of Department of Health contact tracing.

Additionally, due to exposure from a variety of places, and in accordance with updated protocol, a number of teachers are required to quarantine, leaving the district in a position that is difficult to staff.

With that, the Wharton Public School District will be switching to “virtual instruction only” for the remainder of December. Conditions will be reevaluated at that time and communicated.

As always, the facility is cleaned and disinfected daily and “high frequency” touch items multiple times throughout the day.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promoted safeguards.

As always, we appreciate our community’s support and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact our school nurse.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman

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Superintendent