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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a student in the middle school has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We are working closely with the Department of Health and contact tracing is underway. As always, we are 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.

As in all cases, the Department of Health conducts contact tracing for school districts and will alert any individuals potentially exposed. This number of contacts may be higher due to it being a middle school case.

Additionally, some students and staff have been precautionarily quarantined, without testing positive for COVID-19, due to different forms of exposure linked to out-of-school contact.

COVID cases in the United States are increasing at an alarming rate and now are at an all time high. This trend is no different in Wharton and Morris County.

The district’s top concern is the safety of students and staff in preventing the spread of COVID-19. After consulting with district health staff and the Department of Health, the Wharton Bough Public School District will shift to fully virtual instruction, effective, tomorrow, November 17, through the end of November. At that time, conditions will be reevaluated for a when a return to “in-person” instruction may occur.

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 the school nurse.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman

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Superintendent