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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a staff member in the district has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). 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. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. This staff member does not work in a classroom and, therefore, exposure to anyone is minimal.

As in all cases, the Department of Health conducts contact tracing for school districts and will alert any individuals potentially exposed.

The school district continues disinfecting practices to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily.

We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

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