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Dear West Orange Community,

This letter is to inform you that one individual at Washington Elementary School has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The school district is working closely with public health officials and is following CDC, state, and local health department guidance in order to ensure the health and safety of our community. Any individual who was identified as being a close contact with the positive individual has been notified to self-quarantine and monitor symptoms as a precaution, as per the guidance of the West Orange Health Department.

All exposed areas in the school have been disinfected and cleaned and all schools are disinfected on a daily basis. The district continues to work in consultation with the local health department on this matter and we have been advised that there is no need to close school. The West Orange Health Department has advised the district that no additional action is necessary at this time.

We recognize the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage all community members to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Stay home when you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover coughs and sneezes while properly disposing of tissues;
- Limit close contact with people who are sick and do not share food, drinks and utensils;
- Maintain a minimum of 6 feet social distancing;
- Wear a CDC recommended face covering while in school; and
- Continue to monitor your health for symptoms.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of our community as we continue to navigate this public health situation. Please continue to follow all health and safety guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.
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The following links are resources that may be helpful for our community:

RESOURCES

- a. Facts about Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- b. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml
- c. Symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- d. COVID-19 Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html> and <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>
- e. How to Protect Yourself & Others: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- f. What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>