The Washington-Nile Local School District

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Dear Community Member:

I am writing to inform you that an employee who works at Portsmouth West Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. Due to privacy laws, we cannot disclose further information about the employee. Whenever a person has a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case they must be quarantined per the CDC and local health department guidelines and may not return until they meet the CDC's criteria for returning to school.

The local health department has been notified of this situation. We are asking the health department to assist in conducting contact tracing to identify individuals who had close contact with the employee who tested positive. If your child had close contact with this employee, you will be contacted by the health department and/or the District and provided instructions for self-care and any necessary quarantine period. Based on guidance from the health department and other agencies, facilities have been deeply sanitized and will not be closed. District employees and students should continue to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations, and should continue to practice social distancing.

As a precaution, we encourage you to monitor your health, follow CDC guidelines, and contact your doctor if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.

The District is continuing to monitor this situation. We will provide additional information when permissible. We hope our employee has a successful recovery.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bazler, Superintendent

Cc: Board of Education
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