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School Town of Highland Families and Staff,

1/19/21

School officials were notified today of a positive case of COVID-19 at Merkley Elementary School. In collaboration with the Lake County Health Department, direct contacts were identified and notification has been given to those individuals with instructions to quarantine for 10 days. Upon advice from legal counsel, due to privacy laws, including HIPAA and FERPA, the district cannot divulge further information regarding staff members or students.

Please be reminded that the protocols outlined in the STOH Reopening Plan are critical to the continuation of in-person learning. Each person in our community can do their part by performing daily health screenings, wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance, and washing/sanitizing their hands frequently. We will continue to coordinate with the Lake County Health Department. It is our intent to keep you informed as we continue to learn how to live in this COVID-19 environment.

Respectfully,

STOH Administrative Team