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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Hawthorne Park Elementary School has been identified as a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) case. 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. The school is also taking precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of viruses and other germs and is cleaning frequently touched surfaces daily. The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. 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 physical distancing;
- Wearing a mask while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor 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 Principal, Dumar Burgess at 609-835-8960. Below are some resources that might be helpful.

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019 community.shtml

- b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- c. Testing: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html; https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing

Sincerely,

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