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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that a staff member at Hawthorne Elementary School has been identified as a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) case. The District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community.

The District was previously required to ensure that any individual who came in contact with someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for less than 6 feet for 15 or more cumulative minutes during a 24-hour period is quarantined for 14 days. Please note the following current exemption from the CDC.

In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

Please note that 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.

We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and 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 your health for symptoms and seek medical attention when necessary.

Students should **not** attend school in-person. If **TWO OR MORE symptoms in Column A are present OR AT LEAST ONE symptom in column B is present** please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

COLUMN A

- Chills
- Rigors (shivers)
- Myalgia (muscle aches)
- Headache

- Sore Throat
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

COLUMN B

- Fever (measured or subjective)
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- New loss of smell
- New loss of taste

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 Acting Principal Ms. Ahmed 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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