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RE: Important COVID-19 Topics

Madison Families,

I write to you today to share that the Madison Public School District has been made aware of at least one confirmed case of COVID-19 within our student body. The Department of Health has identified and notified certain individuals that were in direct contact with this student. Further, the Department advises against the release of any identifying information regarding this student and their family, including the school the student attends. All Madison residents and all MPS employees should act with the assumption that they have been exposed to COVID-19, as is appropriate during an officially recognized pandemic.

My office has received multiple reports from concerned residents and local officials that some Madison households and MPS students are continuing to host gatherings. All parents and students should remember that our State's decision to close schools was for the purpose of slowing the spread of the virus. Therefore, we need to continue our quarantine strategy until SARS-CoV-2 testing efforts can tell us who is carrying the virus, who is immune, and who has yet to be exposed. Once we attain this understanding, our district can work with government officials to gradually relax this lockdown in a safe and purposeful way.

Until then, stay strong and stay home.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Board of Education

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Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillan, Executive County Superintendent

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