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Dear Seminole Public School parents, staff and community members:

Today, we received notification that a Seminole Public School employee has tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the person involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family.

There is nothing more important to the district than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with county and state health officials to address this situation. They have recommended we share the following with you: One self-contained class at Wilson Elementary School will be put on Distance Learning beginning Monday August 24 and continuing until Tuesday September 8, when they may return to In-Person learning at school. The potential second level exposure for one grade at Northwood Elementary School will put one grade-level on Distance Learning for Monday August 24 and Tuesday August 25. A decision will be made on Tuesday evening (8/25/2020) when to return the grade-level at Northwood to In-Person Learning.

COVID-19 is transmitted through person-to-person contact and through the exchange of respiratory droplets. As more cases are being confirmed across the state, including in our community, it is important to be sensible, but to also be vigilant. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibit these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure.

The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot social distance.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together. Thank you for your support of [District].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Gragg".

Bob Gragg, PhD
Superintendent