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Dear Families and Community Members;

I want to let you know that an individual has been identified as being positive with COVID-19 in St. Albans City School. It is important to note that this person has not been in the school for the last 4 days. At this point there is no recommendation nor reason for the school to be closed.

We are working closely with the Department of Health and continuing to follow the necessary measures and protocols we and the State have put into place. As you know, from earlier communications and sharing of documents, we have prepared for when a case might occur. Because everyone has been on top of these measures, the possible exposure to others, while not zero, is small.

We realize that some of you may have family, or know someone in City School, and this news may heighten your concerns. As always, there may be misinformation circulating and concerns about getting COVID-19. At this point, there is only one case. The DOH is in the process of doing contact tracing. You will be notified by the health department if you or a close family member is considered a close contact and when exposure may have happened. Please wait to be contacted by the department of health or contact them directly if you have a concern. Below is a short video on how contact tracing is done.

["How Contact Tracing Slows the Spread of COVID-19,"](#)

If you have not already done so, please visit [maplerun.org](http://maplerun.org) and click on "COVID-19 Resources" for the [MRUSD COVID-19 Action Guide](#) for how the district will handle positive cases, as well as additional resources. You may also go to an [online dashboard](#) that will contain data on the number of positive cases by school throughout the state.

Please note that we have reinstituted our COVID-19 hotline for any questions you might have. The COVID e-mail is <mailto:covid19@maplerun.org>. Our COVID answering machine is 370-3966. While there will be no live person at the other end, it will be monitored regularly.

Finally, while this is the first positive case in our district, it is not the first case for the health department or other schools. The health department has been shown to be experts at contact tracing and helping advise schools regarding next steps. We are very pleased with their expertise and teamwork during this process and will continue to follow their recommendations.

We will continue to keep you updated as appropriate. Be well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Dirth".

Kevin Dirth  
Superintendent