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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians:

This letter contains important information and I ask that you read in its entirety. I am writing to inform you that a person in our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. As previously stated, our first responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe. Please know that our protocols are working and to date we have not experienced a transmission of the virus within our school. The individuals that have tested positive had been exposed outside of our facility.

If you were not contacted privately by the school, your student was not a close contact of the affected school member. Please continue to follow your daily routines and monitor your child for symptoms, and keep them home if he/she/they show any symptoms or is not feeling well.

Parents of students who were in close contact (defined as being within 6 feet of the person for at least 15 minutes) of the affected school member have been notified privately. All close contacts should be tested and regardless of their test result must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive. We are also following all Department of Health protocols, including collaborating with our local board of health to complete contact tracing. Additionally, we are asking those parents whose students are tested for COVID-19 to please report the results to the school nurse. We are working hard to understand the impact of the virus on our school community and this information is a critical piece of that puzzle.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to adhere to the health and safety protocols that we have enacted in our Reopening Plan. These principles emanate from public health, medical and science professionals. It is not only required to follow these principles on school grounds but it is imperative to follow these principles outside of school so that we can minimize the risk of exposure throughout our daily lives. It simply does no good to monitor symptoms, wash/sanitize hands, wear masks, socially distance and or self-quarantine from school if, when school is out, you go to social gatherings, public places, travel to high risk areas and do not wear masks, social distance, and wash/sanitize hands as these are the areas where you open yourself and others to the risk of exposure.

We continue to sanitize/disinfect the school throughout the day and each evening as well as disinfect the buses after each run. We will continue to provide remote learning for all students required to quarantine at home as well as provide opportunities for staff required to self-quarantine to 'remote in' to classes to continue to provide high quality instruction, structure, and an emotional connection to the classroom during a time that we know will be challenging for those involved. Please contact us immediately should you or someone in your home begin to show symptoms.

We are committed to continuous communication with and support of our families. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Superintendent, Kyle J. Brenner at KBrenner@baypath.net. If there is additional transmission as a result of this case or a separate case, we will send out another message immediately. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kyle J. Brenner
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