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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our District has learned that one of our students, a remote learner at Mt. Marion Elementary School who has not been on campus in the past 14 days, has tested positive for COVID-19. We know our entire school community will want to join us in sending positive thoughts for the child's quick recovery and hopes that their family remains safe. We have been in contact with the Ulster County Department of Health who assures us that our students and staff are not at risk from this case.

We are updating you on this situation because although this student is currently learning from home, their illness will still be reported on the New York State COVID-19 Report Card for schools. Since the student is a remote learner, the District will not have a role in the Ulster County Department of Health's contact tracing actions.

We want to take this opportunity to remind our families to stay vigilant. Mask wearing, social distancing, and proper handwashing are important to preventing the spread of COVID-19. It is also essential that students or staff who are feeling ill stay home from school. All illness must be treated seriously until COVID-19 can be ruled out.

Remember, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) tells us that symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2H1SJPj>

If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please contact your primary care physician as soon as possible and be sure to keep in contact with your school nurse.

The NYS Department of Health has released new detailed procedures for decision-making surrounding COVID-19. This information can be found at <https://on.ny.gov/2GBZ1oH>.

We appreciate your continued vigilance and support.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt
Superintendent