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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, a student from Mt. Marion was designated positive for COVID-19. The student was last in attendance on October 20, 2020. As a result of this case and 2 prior cases, 25 students and 15 staff members have been identified to be in proximate contact with these individuals and are now mandated to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure. The school has notified these individuals already and the Ulster County Department of Health will be following up. If you did not receive a phone call, your child was not considered to be in proximate contact with the student designated positive.

The student designated positive will remain in isolation in accordance with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidelines (see page A-2 of the NYSDOH Toolkit), which is available at <https://on.ny.gov/35KSwJk>. As a reminder, due to many privacy laws, we are unable to identify the individual who was designated positive for COVID-19.

Due to the high number of faculty and staff who have been mandated to quarantine at Mt. Marion Elementary School, we have made a determination to pivot the building to 100% remote learning through November 4, 2020. We are planning to return to our hybrid model of in-person learning at Mt. Marion Elementary School on November 5, 2020. Please be advised that this adjustment to remote-only learning does not impact the remaining schools in the district (they will continue with in-person learning).

The classroom teacher and/or building principal will provide more information to families regarding the instructional schedule during this period of remote instruction. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2Tu48dR>.

While the building is closed, it will undergo an extensive cleaning and disinfecting process. The District will continue to work closely with the Ulster County Department of Health and follow all guidance provided in order to ensure our students and staff are safe.

As a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that COVID-19 spreads mainly from having close contact with someone who has a COVID-19 infection. This virus can be spread by people without symptoms. This is why wearing a mask, social distancing, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing is so important.

Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus and include 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. **It is essential that if your child has any of these symptoms related to COVID-19, that they stay home from school. Consult with your child's doctor for advice whenever needed.**

We continue to urge vigilance and responsibility. The only way to prevent the spread of this virus is by taking precautions and personal responsibility for your interactions. We are in this together.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt

Superintendent