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RE: Report of Positive COVID-19 in the Building

Dear Families,

This letter is to provide notice that Mohawk Local Schools has a reported case of COVID-19 within the building. Upon learning about this positive case, we have been in close contact with the Wyandot County Health Department. The District will follow the directions of the Health Department as we navigate this unknown territory. At this time, the individual who has tested positive is following the directions of medical professionals and has/will receive guidance from the local Health Department. If your child has been identified as being in close contact with this individual, you will receive a contact from the local Health Department. As a reminder, close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes.

Please know the District is taking steps to reduce the likelihood of widespread illness and quarantines when a positive case is identified. These steps include enhanced cleaning protocols, maintaining as much social distancing as possible, changes to instructional practices to keep individuals separated, and the wearing of masks and protective equipment. However, the Health Department determines who, within in the school building, will need to be quarantined. If you do not receive a call from the Health Department, your child was not deemed as a close contact and may return to school without restrictions or concerns.

Monday, September 28, 2020, a letter will be sent home to all families whose child was in a room that may have been impacted by this positive case. The letter is the notification that is outlined in the Governor's health order. **Again, if you did not receive a contact from the Health Department, you and your child were not directly impacted by this positive case.**

This notification should also serve as a reminder to all of us that COVID-19 is present in our community. We, all Warrior families, need to take steps to ensure our own safety and the safety of others. We are asking you to be our partner in keeping our students healthy and safe. Please be sure that you and your family members are taking the appropriate actions to stay healthy. These steps include: performing a health screening prior to leaving home each day, wearing a mask when attending school (school events) or visiting public spaces, limiting attendance at large gatherings where community spread can happen, washing/sanitizing hands often, not sharing food or drinks, and staying home when not feeling well.

This is a message I hoped I would never have to write, but I knew there was a high likelihood that we would have a positive COVID-19 case during the 2020-2021 school year. I believe our cleaning protocols and daily procedures have assisted in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff. Together, we can take the steps necessary to reduce the chance of additional positive cases in the District and our community.

Thank you for everything you have done to adhere to the safety/health standards and for keeping community spread low. Wyandot County is yellow (alert level 1) in Ohio's COVID-19 Risk Level System, which is a great thing. Every week we can keep Wyandot County's level low, is another week we can serve our students through face to face instruction and maintain sports/activities. Thank you for your continued support and patience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully,

Dr. Mark E. Burke Jr.
Superintendent