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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Mountview Road School has tested positive for COVID-19. The District is working closely with the Hanover Township Department of Health, which is conducting contact tracing and has communicated directly with anyone who may have been exposed. Please be aware that because of health confidentiality laws, we cannot provide additional information.

The individual in question has not been present in school since last Thursday, September 10, 2020, and contact tracing has determined that the source of transmission to this individual was unrelated to Mountview Road School or the Hanover Township Public School District. The affected class and any other identified close contacts will complete the required 14-day quarantine at home. At this time, no other individuals in the affected class or among close contacts are reported to be exhibiting symptoms. In addition, in this particular case, no exposure has occurred while being transported to and from school via our district buses. Cleaning and disinfecting of all exposed areas has been completed. The school continues to enforce stringent measures to prevent transmission, such as mask wearing, social distancing, frequent hand washing, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

The status of this situation is fluid, and we are monitoring it closely. We understand the level of concern regarding COVID-19. Please remember to conduct the required Daily Student Screening via the rSchoolToday App and alert your school nurse immediately if your child exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if you answer YES to any of the screening questions.

We encourage parents and students to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation. Moving forward, you can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact me directly or the Hanover Township Department of Health at (973) 428-2485.

Be Well, Be Strong, and Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

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