Marlboro Central School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Families and Staff,

Marlboro CSD has been notified that one of our students at MMS has tested positive for COVID-19. First and foremost, we wish them and their family well.

After consultation with the Department of Health it has been determined that ***all Marlboro Middle School and Marlboro High School students and staff will be on remote learning tomorrow, Friday, November 6, 2020 and not attend in-person learning***. This action will provide us with enough time to contact trace all contacts of students and staff to this individual. We will notify any contacts that will need to quarantine for up to 14 days once we complete contact tracing.

Persons identified as a 'contact of a person who tested positive' may receive a call from a contact tracer from NYS. For such calls, the caller ID may read NYS Contact Tracing or display a phone number with a 518-area code. Please promptly answer these calls. Your identity and the information you share will remain confidential. Please provide Contact Tracers with the information they need to protect all of us.

The most important things you can do:

Stay home if you are sick.
Make sure you are wearing a mask.
Make sure you are washing hands.
Call your primary care provider if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

I will contact all staff and families tomorrow with an update to this matter. Additionally, please see the resources about COVID-19 with included this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael Brooks,
Superintendent of Schools

What is COVID-19?

A new coronavirus causes COVID-19, which is an illness that was discovered in 2019. Coronaviruses are a type of virus that are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are many kinds of coronaviruses including some that cause respiratory illnesses, like the common cold. The specific symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

How does COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19 spreads mainly from having close contact with someone who has a COVID-19 infection. The virus is thought to spread by droplets from person to person when they speak, cough, or sneeze. Droplets travel less than 6 feet. When droplets from another person get in your mouth or nose you can inhale into your lungs. This virus can be spread by people without symptoms.

How can parents and guardians help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

- If your child is sick, keep them home.
- Make sure members of your household wash their hands often using soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Make sure every member of your household covers their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow, and then washes their hands afterwards.
- Wear a mask in public when you cannot stay 6 feet apart from other people.

We are working with the Health Department to keep our community safe.

- We continue to follow the Health Department's guidance for childcare.
- We cleaned and disinfected any affected locations in our schools as per the New York State Department of Health guidance.
- Employees and sick children will not return to work until they are healthy.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with or exposed to COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe teaching and learning environment for your children.