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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that the following members of CPS have tested positive for COVID-19 and are isolating:

- a student member of WJJMS
- a staff member of CES
- a staff member of Bacon Academy

As soon as the District was made aware of these confirmed diagnoses, Colchester Public Schools (CPS) notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the District has taken the following steps below to keep our community safe.

1) Isolation: The student member and staff members of our community who have tested positive for COVID-19 have followed medical recommendations to isolate. Please understand that more specific information will not be shared due to privacy concerns.

2) Contact Tracing: In all cases, the CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individuals who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. As outlined in the CHD's [CSDE/DPH Adapt, Advance, Achieve Addendum 5 Operational Flow Chart](#), the following classes will quarantine for 14 calendar days: at WJJMS a full team will quarantine due to contact with core teachers and at CES one class will quarantine. Instruction for these classes will be remote during the period of quarantine. The Bacon Academy case occurred over the break and had no contact with staff or students.

3) Continuity of Education: After consulting with CHD, Bacon Academy, CES, and WJJMS will remain open.

The District will continue to monitor this situation and will use sound decision making based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and CHD to maintain safety and continue instruction. Please feel free to contact us for specific questions or concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership as we work to keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Burt