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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that a student member of William J. Johnston Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating. As soon as the District was made aware of this confirmed diagnosis, 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 of our community who has tested positive for COVID-19 has followed medical recommendations to isolate. Please understand that more specific information will not be shared due to privacy concerns.

2) Contact Tracing: CPS staff and CHD have already reached out to those who came into contact with the individual who tested positive and have asked them to self-isolate. In this case, the student was already in isolation.

3) Continuity of Education: After consulting with CHD, 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