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Dear Faculty and Families,

I am writing to you today to inform you that a member of the Colchester Elementary School community has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating. As soon as the district was made aware of this confirmed diagnosis, CPS notified the Chatham Health District (CHD) to assess the risk of transmission. Based on the guidance provided by the CHD, the district will be taking the following steps below to keep our community safe.

- 1) Isolation: The member of our community who has tested positive for COVID-19 will follow medical recommendations to isolate.
- 2) Contact Tracing: Working collaboratively, the CPS nursing staff and CHD will be reaching out to those who came into contact with the individual who tested positive. We will operate within the statutory requirements around the confidentiality of the individual.
- 3) Continuity of Education: After consulting with CHD, the District will remain open and students will continue to be taught in cohorts.

We will continue to monitor and communicate with you regarding this situation. We will use sound decision making based on guidance from the CDC 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, Superintendent of Schools