## WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Families,

Today the District was informed that one individual who was present at West Essex Middle School last week tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The individual was last in the building on Tuesday, December 15. Our District is coordinating closely with public health officials and following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State, and local health department guidance in order to assure the health and safety of our community. Anyone considered at risk for exposure was identified and contacted by school officials. Federal and State laws strictly prohibit the release of private health information of any individual.

As I have emphasized in previous notifications, we encourage parents and students to continue the following measures and guidelines whether your child attends in-person learning or is fully remote:

- Monitor your health for symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Keep your child home if he/she or an immediate household member is exhibiting symptoms, waiting for test results, or has a positive COVID-19 test, and notify your school nurse.
- Follow the CDC Hand Hygiene Recommendations.
- Limit social gatherings and adhere to all State guidelines.
- Practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart).
- Wear a face covering while in school and outside of school when applicable.
- Cooperate with school and health officials.
- Avoid unnecessary travel (notify nurses if travel is required).

As always, we appreciate your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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