WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Essex Families,

This letter is to inform you that three individuals at West Essex High School have tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). 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. Federal and state laws strictly prohibit the release of private health information of any individual.

After consultation with our local health officials, the West Essex Regional School District will switch back to our Distance Learning Plan beginning Monday October 12 through Friday, October 16. This short-term closure allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and perform contact tracing.

All in-person extra-curricular activities and athletics will be postponed beginning today, October 9 through Sunday, October 18.

Based on preliminary information, it seems these cases are linked through exposure outside the school setting; however, several families, students, and staff members may be required to quarantine due to possible exposure. The status of this situation is fluid, and we will continue to monitor it closely.

You can expect ongoing communication from the District as information becomes available. In addition, building principals will send an updated calendar and schedule for the Distance Learning Plan for next week.

Sincerely,

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