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Dear Chesterfield Elementary School Community,

On the afternoon of Friday, December 18th, we were notified of a positive case in the district. When we are notified of a positive case, there is a procedure we follow to ensure we complete all the necessary steps such as contacting the Department of Health, notifying close contacts by phone/letter, notifying the school community as a whole, etc. Due to an internal issue, the letter notifying the school community of the positive case was not sent out through our notification system. I apologize for this mistake. All other steps in the process were completed including the notification to the parents in the classroom affected by the positive case. Below is the official notification to the school community.

This letter is to inform you that on Friday, December 18, 2020, we learned that an individual at Chesterfield Elementary School tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The District is coordinating closely with the Burlington County Health Department (BCHD) and following CDC and State guidelines in order to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Per the guidelines of the BCHD, Chesterfield Elementary School may remain open. As of this date, there is no evidence of a COVID-19 spread from within our building. If you were identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes or more over 24 hours), you received additional notifications in the form of a phone call and letter. If you did not receive additional notification, no further action is required.

In addition to the positive case above, we were notified today of a presumed positive case. A presumed positive case is when an individual experiences symptoms consistent with COVID-19 after being a close contact of a confirmed positive case. However, the individual experiencing the symptoms has not been tested, and without a positive test, the DOH identifies them as a presumed positive case. This is our first presumed positive case and we will notify our school community of all positive cases as well as all presumed positive cases. The individual identified as a presumed positive case has not been in the building the entire school year and thus there was no exposure in the school.

We appreciate our community's support and cooperation. Any student or staff member who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or being tested, should notify the school nurse and remain home from school. Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to call me directly at (609) 298-6900 x1230 or email at sheino@chesterfieldschool.com. You may also contact our school nurses at (609)298-6900 at extensions 1212 or 1215.

Sincerely,

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