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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff Members:

This letter is to inform you that an individual at Crossroads School has tested positive for COVID-19.

We are coordinating closely with public health officials in the Westfield Regional Health Office and following CDC, State, and local guidance to assure the health and safety of our learning community.

It is important to note that, at this time, there are no known instances of COVID-19 transmission at Crossroads School related to this positive case. Any student or staff member who was potentially in close contact with this individual will be notified with follow-up actions recommended by local health officials. At this time, we have no reason to recommend a temporary school closure and anticipate that regularly scheduled onsite programming will resume at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Cleaning and disinfection of a small number of exposed areas will be completed in accordance with the protocols outlined in our District Restart and Recovery Plan. Additional custodial staff will also be assigned to Crossroads School tomorrow to clean and sanitize frequently touched sources as an added precaution. You can access a copy of our plan on the district homepage at www.ucesc.org.

We fully appreciate the level of concern regarding COVID-19. I assure you that we will continue to monitor the current situation closely and immediately notify you of any relevant updates.

In the meantime, we encourage parents, students and staff members to continue following the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention promoted safeguards, such as:

- Staying home when you are sick;
- Washing hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Covering coughs and sneezes and properly disposing of tissues;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick and not sharing food, drinks and utensils;
- Practicing social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart);
- Wearing a face covering while in school; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms.

As always, we appreciate our community's flexibility and cooperation. You can assist us by remaining vigilant but sensible in your approach to dealing with this health concern.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's principal at (908) 232-6655 or my office at (908) 233-9317 x 271. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kowalski

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

a. NJDOH COVID-19 Information for Communities and the General Public:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_community.shtml

b. Get the Facts about Coronavirus:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

c. Symptoms of COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomstesting/symptoms.html>

d. Testing:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

e. How to Protect Yourself:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html>

f. What to Do if You Are Sick:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/stepswhen-sick.html>