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Dear Parents and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that a student at Westlake School was recently identified as having a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19.

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

The student who tested positive has been assigned to a remote learning cohort and has not physically attended school since November, 2020. Therefore, no additional precautionary measures nor close contact notifications are required. However, I do ask that you join me in extending our sincere thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery to the student and his or her family.

There have been no known instances of COVID-19 transmission between students nor staff at Westlake School since September, 2020. I thank everyone for their collective vigilance in adhering to the promoted health and safety protocols of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 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;
- Avoiding large public gatherings and practicing social distancing;
- Wearing a face covering while in public; and
- Continuing to monitor your health for symptoms of illness.

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

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Principal of Westlake School, Claudine Tantillo, at ctantillo@ucesc.org or 908-232-4181 x 6002.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kowalski
Acting Superintendent