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Dear Mercer Families,

Yesterday evening, November 1, 2020, information was reported that an additional staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member works at Mercer Elementary School and has not been in attendance since October 28, 2020. The two positive cases do not appear related; however, we will be relying on the PA Department of Health for ongoing guidance related to contact tracing and/or other recommendations. In an abundance of caution, two additional staff members have been quarantined, any additional person(s) identified by the PADOH as a direct contact risk will be contacted directly by the PADOH or district administration. No further action is being recommended at this time.

Please know that we are monitoring this situation closely and if additional information becomes evident, we will be communicating any necessary changes through our mass notification system and district website. To sign up for text and email alerts, go to the school district website, www.mercer.k12.pa.us, click on the "Families and Community" tab at the top of the page, click on "Attention School" at the bottom of the left-hand menu for information on receiving text and email alerts from the district.

Please know that we are following safety and cleaning procedures and protocols. Additional cleaning was conducted on Sunday, November 1, 2020. We will keep you updated should more information become available. In the interim, please continue to monitor family members for symptoms and follow the daily health screening tool instructions. It is also important that parents notify your school principal and/or school nurse should your child test positive and/or be informed of a direct exposure risk to COVID-19 through friends or family. Additionally, please do not ask members of our team for more details or for names as we are not permitted to share individual health data due to privacy requirements.

Thank you,

Ronald R. Rowe, Jr., Ed.D.
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