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Dear Cairo-Durham Families,

Today we received confirmation that a staff member at Cairo-Durham Middle/High School tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The individual was last in school on Friday, November 20.

Out of an abundance of caution, Grades 6-12 will shift to a remote learning schedule tomorrow (Tuesday, November 24, 2020) to allow adequate time to assess the extent of potential contact within our school community. This includes special education classes that occur on campus. Out-of-district placements and full day programs (i.e., Tech Valley, New Visions, out-of-district special education) will have attendance and transportation, as usual. There will be no transportation for half day CTE programs. There should be no students in the building on 11/24. This does **not** affect students in grades PK-5, who will continue to participate in regular instruction as scheduled.

The District has been in contact with the Greene County Department of Health, which will take the lead on contact tracing and identifying individuals who may need to quarantine. When it is determined who will need to be quarantined, those individuals will be contacted by the County DOH.

Once the contact tracing is complete, the District will be able to make a decision on when in-person classes will resume for Grades 6-12. **At this time, we are planning to open as usual after the Thanksgiving Recess (Monday, November 30).** We will communicate any updates or changes when new information is received.

While we understand that you would like additional details, we are not permitted by privacy laws to identify individuals involved. We have provided as much information as possible. Please rest assured that the District's priority is protecting the health, welfare and safety of our students and staff while complying with federal, state and local orders and guidance. Anyone with questions and/or who needs to report a COVID-19 related health issue should contact their child's principal.

Sincerely,



Michael Wetherbee,
Superintendent of Schools