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Dear Beacon Community:

Late last night we learned of a confirmed COVID-19 case at J.V. Forrestal Elementary School. The person is isolated and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identification or condition cannot be released. We will be working with the health department and our staff to conduct contact tracing as fast as we can today and tomorrow.

As a result of us needing time to both conduct contact tracing and collaborate with the health department, J.V. Forrestal Elementary will be closed tomorrow, Monday, November 2 and will move to remote learning for all students. Please know that it is likely that we may need to physically close the building to students for more than just one day and we will update everyone by tomorrow afternoon about the status of the school. As we contact trace with the health department, our staff will be in touch with people who may need to quarantine. If you are not contacted, you will not need to quarantine.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge what a challenge this is for our staff, our families, and our students. I feel strongly that our use of masks, social distancing, reduced building capacity, and hygiene help to mitigate the spread of the virus. I also know that part of the plan is having to occasionally physically close schools to help keep everyone safe. Physically closing individual schools to do this work will help us keep the district open for the longer term.

Thanks for your patience and support as we navigate this school year together.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl

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