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Dear Beacon Families:

Today the district is working with the Dutchess County Department of Health because we found out this morning that the Beacon City School District has one confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at Beacon High School. The person is currently isolated, and due to federal health privacy laws, further information about their identity or condition cannot be released. We are working collaboratively with the Department of Health and the safety of our staff and students is our highest priority. The individual has not been in Beacon High School since last Friday.

Today is one of our remote learning days and we are spending the day contact tracing. Out of an abundance of caution and to allow for further contact tracing, we are moving Beacon High School to an all-remote schedule for Thursday, October 29, and Friday, October 30. When we consider closing a school temporarily due to COVID-19, our plan is to close individual schools that are affected and not the entire district unless there is a health need to do so or we are guided to do so by the Department of Health.

If you or your child were in contact with this person, you will be notified first by school staff and then by the New York State Contact Tracing program with instructions on quarantining and potential testing for COVID-19. If you are not contacted, then you will not need to quarantine.

A list of testing sites can be found on the Dutchess County Health Website (please note, the testing sites can change from day-to-day and week-to-week): (<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.htm>) You may also visit the 'New York State Find a Test Site Near You' web page: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you> Once you enter a zip code, a list/map view of the nearest test sites will become available.

We will work tirelessly on contact tracing and communicating updates to the community and individual families who are affected by this.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl
Superintendent of Schools

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