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MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear MCPS Families and Staff:

We have been informed that a staff member of Waverly Yowell Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019). The staff member was on school premises earlier this week. We are writing this letter to keep all members of our school community informed and to remind everyone to continue to take precautions and monitor for symptoms. This is our first known case of a person on school premises within their infectious period with COVID-19. Close contacts of this individual have already been notified. No students were in close contact of this individual.

We urge all families and staff members to take the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Monitor closely for signs of illness. If you or your child are sick or showing any symptoms, please stay home. School policies are flexible to accommodate students who need to stay home due to illness, but be sure to notify the school if your child will be out sick for the day.
- Practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and people outside your household
- Wear a cloth face mask over the mouth and nose to prevent the spread of respiratory droplets
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If handwashing is not available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

You can also find pertinent details on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the Virginia Department of Health's website at <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>.

Sincerely,

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