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Dear Maple Hill Elementary School Community,

This afternoon we were made aware of a Maple Hill Elementary student who tested positive for COVID-19. **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 was the last date this individual was present at the school.**

Based on contact tracing conducted by the Orange County Department of Health (OCDOH) assisted by the school district, it is determined the cluster is isolated to a cohort within a grade level at the school. **Pursuant to privacy guidelines, no additional identifying information can be shared.** Following our safety and cleaning protocols, all areas of the school have been cleaned multiple times since the last time the positive individual was on our campus. **Again, all locations at Maple Hill Elementary continue to be thoroughly disinfected and sanitized daily.**

In accordance with our reopening plan, we have been collaborating with the OCDOH as we navigate the contract tracing process with a positive COVID-19 case. **Through contact tracing, those individuals who are identified as being a close or proximate contact will be issued a quarantine order. If you have not been contacted by contact tracing, you have not been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.**

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Therefore, any individuals who are directed to quarantine will only be allowed to return to school when released, in writing by their health care provider.

If we continue to practice proper hand hygiene, physical distancing and universal wearing of face coverings, we will minimize risk of spread and exposure. Safeguarding the health and safety of our schools and their programs starts with everyone. Please continue to practice these safety precautions with fidelity so, as in this case, we reduce the chance of infection to others.

We share this information with you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep our school community informed of any issues of concern. Please know, however, we must also be careful to respect the laws relating to the privacy of our students and staff so we cannot provide any more details or comments. Thank you for your understanding and consideration with this matter.

Respectfully,  
*Richard Del Moro*, Superintendent of Schools