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Dear William Carter Elementary School Community,

This afternoon we were made aware of a William A. Carter student who has been infected by the COVID-19 virus. The student continues to be asymptomatic, but did receive a positive test result from a rapid COVID-19 test. **October 27, 2020 was the last date this individual was present at the school.**

Based on contact tracing conducted by the OCDOH assisted by the school district, it determined the cluster is isolated to the classroom where the student was present on the shortened session day, October 27, 2020. **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 student was on our campus. Again, all locations at William A. Carter continue to be thoroughly disinfected and sanitized daily.

All individuals who were present on the William A. Carter campus need to be especially aware of any symptoms they have related to COVID-19. Based on the science of the disease, it can take up to two weeks to have the infection become evident and for someone infected to exhibit symptoms.

In accordance with our reopening plan, we have been collaborating with the Orange County Department of Health as we navigate the processes associated with a positive COVID-19 case. **As stated, we are assisting the Department of Health in contact tracing efforts. Through these contact tracing processes, the Department of Health will notify those who are identified as being a close contact and will issue quarantine orders as applicable. If you have not been contacted by the Department of Health, 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 to do so by the Orange County Department of Health and/or 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