

EAST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Allegheny School District Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to advise you that the District was recently informed that one of our employees has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The employee in question works full time during the summer so we are presented with an issue that requires an immediate response from the District. Most importantly, we have been informed and are happy to report that the employee is doing fine and will almost certainly make a full recovery.

I want to reassure all of our employees and all of our residents that we have been in communication with officials from the Allegheny County Health Department and Allegheny County Intermediate Unit who will be providing us with appropriate and informed guidance on how best to respond to this issue. We are fortunate in that the employee had been away from his duties for several days when he fell ill and wisely sought treatment and testing. This means that there is a lower probability that other staff members have been exposed. In accordance with guidance provided by the County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control, our Maintenance Department is undertaking a thorough cleaning of all offices and areas where the staff member is known to have visited in the days leading up to the COVID-19 diagnosis. District administrators will meet with any staff member who may have been exposed and will be screening all summer staff closely in the coming days and weeks. Because the identification was made so early and because we are responding with a very proactive cleaning regimen, it is the opinion of all the experts whom we have spoken with, that there is no immediate need to close our offices or any facility within the District at this time.

We will, of course, continue to monitor this situation closely and are prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the health and safety of our employees, visitors, residents and, most importantly, our students.

Thank you very much for being part of our school district!

Sincerely,

Alan N. Johnson Superintendent of Schools

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