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Dear Pellston Families,

Today we learned that a MS/HS staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member was last in the district on Friday, November 6. Contact tracing with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan has been completed. At this point, one adult has been identified as a close contact. That close contact took place outside of the school setting.

We are working closely with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (HDNW) through standard protocols to assist their staff in conducting their case investigation and contact tracing. Through these processes, the HDNW Communicable Disease Staff will gather information for any close contacts the school did not identify. If any students or staff are identified by the HDNW during contact tracing as meeting the definition of close contact, they will be contacted by a Health Department Communicable Disease Nurse and given quarantine instructions. If your child is not identified as someone who requires quarantine, they will not be contacted but should continue to follow our established guidelines for screening and self monitoring.

To protect each person's private health information, the school district will not release the names of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. The district will only acknowledge a positive case and will discourage students, parents and community members from engaging in discussions related to the identity of the individual diagnosed with COVID-19. We are moving forward under the guidance of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and all measures have been taken to protect the wellbeing of our students. Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community.

As written in our COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, upon notification of a confirmed case among one of our staff or students who has been reporting to school, the building will continue to be sanitized in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Professional cleaning will include sanitization of all shared spaces, immediate surrounding areas and common areas likely visited.

Our entire team moved quickly into action upon receiving this news and we want you to know that we are committed to taking all of the necessary steps to minimize risks from this exposure.

All appropriate and required measures will continue to be taken to protect the wellbeing of students and staff. Parents/caregivers and others may contact the following with further questions: Health Department of Northwest Michigan, (800) 385-5959; or Stephen Seelye, Pellston Public Schools Superintendent, (231) 539-8421 ext. 10001.

Sincerely,

Stephen Seelye, Superintendent