February 4, 2021

Dear Cincy Families,

The District was notified today that we have an adult at school who has tested positive for COVID-19. I was made aware of this information today, Thursday, February 4, 2021. As a result, two classrooms of students in grade 3 will be required to quarantine and will move to remote learning beginning Friday, February 5. Those students’ families have been notified by Mrs. Potter or Mrs. Symons. All other students will remain with In-Person learning including all students in BOCES programs.

The county Health Department immediately began its investigation. Throughout the day tomorrow, the Health Department in both Cortland and Chenango County will be in the process of notifying individuals considered to be close contacts of the adult who tested positive. The counties will take the lead role in any further steps that may be necessary, such as contact tracing and additional testing. In the event that you are contacted by a health department representative, we encourage you to offer your complete cooperation.

I trust that you understand we can’t provide any additional information about this adult due to confidentiality and privacy constraints. We have implemented numerous health and safety protocols throughout our school building to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition to our regular cleaning and sanitizing, the District brought its custodial staff to deep clean the impacted classroom and the surrounding areas.

Out of an abundance of caution, we ask that families please keep an eye out for signs and symptoms as it takes 7 to 8 days after exposure. The District is taking precautions to protect the health and safety of its students and employees. Please continue to practice social distancing and encourage hand washing, wear face masks, and practice social distancing. If you or a family member begin to show signs of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, contact your primary care physician. You may also call Guthrie Cortland Medical Center at 607-288-7676, Upstate Medical University at 315-464-3979 or Cayuga Hospital Call Center at 607-319-5708 for assistance. Cortland Department of Health has further details on COVID-19 on their website, https://www.cortland-co.org/979/COVID-19-FAQ.

As the situation develops, we will continue to provide updated information as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Freeman