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Dear Students, Staff and Parents,

This letter is to inform you that there is a staff member associated with **Washburn District Elementary School** that has tested positive for COVID-19.

Members of the MSAD 45 Health Services department are in the process of notifying the students and staff considered close contacts to the individual who tested positive for the coronavirus. We have approximately 39 students and 4 staff members at Washburn District Elementary School who are considered close contacts. The quarantine recommendation is ten days from last possible contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID. These close contacts will be out of ten-day quarantine and welcomed back to school on Monday, April 12.

Since we have substitute staff members to cover for the staff members who are considered close contacts at Washburn District Elementary, **Washburn District Elementary School and Washburn District High School will be open for in-person instruction and will continue their regular schedules going forward.**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Worcester".

Lawrence Worcester

Superintendent