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Dear Discovery School Parents, Staff, and School Community,

As our world continues to fight the spread of COVID-19, we believe that one of our greatest responsibilities is to communicate transparently and often with you, our school community. Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our students, our employees, and our families.

We have learned today that **one student in our 2nd grade classroom has tested positive for Covid-19**. The student was not in school today, is also not presently symptomatic, but was tested as a result of a suspected exposure. As you know, we have been very careful about keeping classes separated from each other during arrival, dismissal, and during lunch time. There has been some combined recess lately (particularly with Grade 3) in the gymnasium as a result of the very low outdoor temperatures. But, the students have been required to keep their masks on. The Ohio Department of Health, as well as Richland Public Health, no longer require mandatory quarantine for classroom exposures due to the low spread seen in these environments. However, if you would feel more comfortable keeping your child at home as a precautionary measure, please alert the office and we will implement distance learning.

It is always important to monitor your child for changes in their health as it relates to this virus. Known symptoms include, but are not limited to:

- nasal congestion
- a new cough
- fever
- nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- loss of taste and smell
- body aches and fatigue

Preventing the spread of this virus requires the vigilance of everyone at school, at home, and out in the community. We are committed to taking every action necessary to protect our students, our staff, and our families. Do not hesitate to contact us via email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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