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Dear Central School Families,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member at Central School has tested positive for COVID-19. The diagnosed individual was last in school on Friday, October 9th, and has been in quarantine at home since that time. Central families and staff who are considered close contacts to this individual have been notified directly of the need to quarantine through Friday, October 23rd. Because there is a risk that the affected individual may have been contagious when last on campus, we are informing you of this event and encourage you to monitor your own health. The building and classroom spaces are disinfected nightly and our deep cleaning protocol is being implemented. The Cook County Department of Public Health will conduct additional contact tracing.

We understand your interest about the identity of the affected staff member so that individuals can assess their possibility of exposure. However, federal privacy laws prevent administration, or the school district, from sharing the name of the staff member or providing any information that would otherwise lead to the identification of this person. Again, those considered to be a close contact of the affected individual have been notified directly of the need to quarantine.

The health and safety of our Wilmette Public School students and staff is our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases. These practices include mandatory mask wearing, physical distancing within classrooms and the school, bubbled classroom assignments, symptom monitoring, frequent hand washing, regular sanitizing of high-touch areas and nightly disinfection cleaning as well as COVID-19 response protocol including contact tracing, quarantining and deep cleaning. **As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Sick persons should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops severe symptoms should seek medical care immediately**. Refer to this guidance from the IL Department of Public Health related to best practice for positive cases in school.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kari Cremascoli, Superintendent

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