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Dear Families and Staff of the Pleasant Hill Community,

Recently, we learned that a person in Pleasant Hill Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response. We are working closely with Lane County Health Authority to respond to this news, protect the health of our community and maintain education opportunities for the affected individual.

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we will follow the following steps:

- We have contacted, and are working closely with, the Lane Public Health Authority
- We have contacted all person(s) who were in close contact with the individual.
- We have notified all students and families.
- Contact tracing limited to cohort directly affected.
- We have launched deep cleaning efforts including:
 - A deep clean of classrooms and common areas in the school,
 - Manual wiping of surfaces
 - Use of an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer that deploys charged disinfectant particles into an area that covers every surface in the space.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through vaccinations for those who are eligible, wearing face coverings, and physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits.

Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat healthy food.

Wearing cloth face coverings reduces the spread of viruses and helps prevent those who have the virus, but do not have symptoms, from passing it to others.

We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on <u>the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools</u>, <u>Safe Learners</u> <u>page</u>, <u>the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page</u> and at www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us. Click on "Updates" "Blueprints, Plans & Assessments" and "Resources & FAQ" for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal and/or myself at the district office.

Respectfully: Scott Linenberger Superintendent Pleasant Hill School District

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