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TO: PENNCREST School Community
FROM: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool *TSG*
DATE: October 21, 2020
RE: *Public Announcement*
Maplewood Jr/Sr High School Positive Case of COVID-19

Today, the District was informed that a Maplewood Band adult volunteer tested positive for COVID-19. The last time our volunteer was on district property was Saturday, October 17, 2020.

The District has identified seven (7) students and six (6) adults as possible close contacts. Two (2) of the adults identified as close contacts are district employees. The district has contacted all of the students and their families as well as the adult volunteers. We are working with the PA DoH, and will continue to share information with the school community in a transparent manner that does not violate individual privacy rights.

At this time and in this circumstance, a school closure is not necessary. We encourage all Maplewood families to monitor students for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Students that are sick, ill or unwell, must stay home from school. Students who stay home should participate in the Limited Virtual Hybrid learning option and log into Google Classroom from home.

Our information was shared with the PA DoH who may contact affected individuals. The PA Department of Health has established contact tracing protocols for all close contacts. A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset.

The PA DoH contact tracing team will communicate with all individuals deemed as close contacts. Please contact the school principal, if you believe you or a child in your care was exposed and not notified by the PA DoH. [Symptoms of Covid-19](#) may include fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, or new loss of taste or smell. We strongly recommend that parents contact health care professionals if demonstrating any of the signs or symptoms outlined above.

**The district's response to future COVID-19 positive tests or active cases will differ based on information, potential spread, and direction from the PA DoH.*