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Dear Onteora Families,

As we have promised, we intend to ensure the safest possible learning environment for our students and staff. We also are committed to transparency and ensuring our families are kept advised of COVID-19 related updates.

We were informed today that an individual in Phoenicia Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual has not been in school since Monday, October 26th.

Under the direction of the Ulster County Department of Health, all direct contacts of this individual will be meeting remotely, effective tomorrow, October 30, 2020, until the individual presents a doctor's note clearing them to return to school, or the Ulster County Department of Health informs us that it is safe for the class to resume in-person instruction.

Even though all of our students and staff members wear masks and practice social distancing, it is possible that other individuals who were in the classroom may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. During the period of this class being fully remote, their classroom will undergo a deep-cleaning and disinfecting process.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19: 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, and diarrhea. For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep all our students and staff members safe in these challenging times. We know that we can count on you and your child to help us in our efforts. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

Once again, we urge vigilance and responsibility. It is essential that if your child has any of these symptoms related to COVID-19, that they stay home from school. Consult with your child's doctor for advice whenever needed.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal. Student privacy will continue to be protected as required by law.

Sincerely,



Victoria McLaren, Superintendent of Schools