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Dear Orange-Ulster BOCES family,

Last evening, our district was informed that a student at our Arden Hill Campus tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was in class yesterday, and due to federal health privacy laws information about their identity cannot be released. While I realize this information might be concerning, please know that everyone's health and safety is of the utmost importance to us.

The students and staff that were determined as being direct/close contacts to the individual have already been contacted. These individuals will be mandated to quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure date as required by the Department of Health. All potentially exposed areas have been cleaned and disinfected, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DOH guidelines.

As we continue to welcome students back to our buildings, parents/guardians are reminded of the following CDC safeguards, including:

- Stay home if not feeling well
- Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Practice social distancing (stay at least 6 feet apart)
- Wear a face covering when on school property
- Continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support as we work collaboratively to create a safe and positive educational experience for all students.

Sincerely,



William J. Hecht
Chief Operating Officer