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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have now completed a second six weeks of in-person classes. In a recent administrators' meeting, I told our principals that we are one of the only districts in northwest Tennessee to have made it to this point during the pandemic without having to initiate any school-wide closures. Since we know the value of learners experiencing in-person interactions, we are grateful to have reached this milestone. However, we have many weeks ahead of us and, to continue to keep our doors open, we will need your continued support.

At the schools, we are practicing safety precautions regarding COVID-19. Wearing masks and stressing the need to be six feet apart whenever possible are priorities for us within the schools.

One challenge we are facing, though, is having an accurate count of the children who have been advised to isolate or quarantine. To get this count, we need families to notify your school if your child is being tested or a household contact of that student is being tested. We want to stay alert to every household that has even the potential of member having the virus. To help us keep the virus in check, we ask that you quarantine your household immediately after a household contact has been tested. Yes, that means while you are awaiting results the student must stay home. We are grateful that with rapid testing now available that wait is much, much shorter.

Remember, quarantine helps prevent the spread of the virus that can occur before a person knows they are sick and/or are infected but not feeling symptoms.

If your student experiences a close contact at school (more than 15 minutes within six feet of a positive case), your student will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure to that person. You may receive a call from a representative of the Department of Health. They will explain quarantine guidance and answer your questions. We know it is difficult, but for the safety of all, your student may not go to school, school activities, childcare or work and is to avoid public places for the quarantined time. We will work with you to provide the resources needed so that your child will not fall behind during the quarantine.

To ensure that we have fewer cases in the area to address, we are relying on you to follow the county mask mandate when you and your children are participating in non-school activities.

Working together, we can take necessary steps to help stop the spread.

Thank you,

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