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Dear Ms. Gahn's Classroom families,

We recently became aware of a **staff member** in your child's classroom who has tested positive for COVID-19. We are responsible for informing all persons who are considered "close contacts" by the CDC guidelines. If you are required to quarantine because of an exposure, we or someone from the health department will contact you. If your student/child is not identified as someone who requires quarantine, then you will not be contacted but can continue to follow our established guidelines for screening and monitoring.

To protect each person's private health information, the school district will not release the names of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. It is our role to tell all the families of Ms.Gahn's Onaway COP Program that we are moving forward under the guidance of the District Health Department #4 and that all measures are being taken to protect the wellbeing of your child.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. We encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected. Please answer the phone or return a voicemail if the Health Department or District contacts you. A contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

Please monitor for onset of symptoms related to COVID-19 including fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, diarrhea, or new fatigue. If you note any change in the health of your child, please call your primary care provider. If you are interested in further information about COVID-19 in our community or have additional questions related to this pandemic, please check out <u>https://www.dhd4.org/covid19</u> or <u>www.michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>.

You may also call the State of Michigan COVID-19 hotline at 888-535-6136.

Take care,

Mr. Jamie R. Huber, Superintendent