February 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school division is informing parents and guardians that a student at Harrington Waddell Elementary School is presumed positive for COVID-19. No other staff or students have been identified as close contacts with this student.

Although there was no reportable exposure to students or staff in school, parents should continue to monitor their child’s health and the health of their families for COVID-19 symptoms. Students should remain at home when feeling sick.

CDC defines “close contact” as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. A person simply being in the same area is not considered exposed according to the health department, and therefore does not need to quarantine. Due to State and Federal privacy laws, LCS cannot identify or confirm the identity of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who are quarantined. Please remember to self-monitor and stay home if you have any COVID-like symptoms. Face coverings, maintaining appropriate physical distancing, and washing hands thoroughly and often continue to be the best practices for mitigating the virus. LCS is committed to providing information and will continue to provide as much information as possible to ensure health and safety of all stakeholders while also maintaining personal privacy regulations.

Best,

Rebecca J. Walters
Division Superintendent