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Good afternoon Tiger families:

I hope your day is ending in a pleasant way. I am sending today's correspondence in an effort to address concerns being raised regarding allegations of positive COVID-19 cases here in our school district.

In any situation regarding COVID-19, our practice will be to always follow the guidance offered by the Summit County Public Health Department. Upon receipt of a verified COVID-19 case, county officials will notify our District. Upon notification from the Department, our District may be asked to provide contact information for individuals identified through the contact tracing process. The county will then conduct contact tracing and relevant parties will be notified. The guidance used to determine if an individual is in peril for contracting COVID-19 is as follows:

• An individual would need to have been within six (6) feet of the person identified with COVID-19 for a period of ten (10) minutes or more.

It will not be our practice to go outside of the recommendations made by the Summit County Public Health Department in the notification of information that would be considered a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act also known as HIPAA. Assuredly, our staff and families need to have accurate information and I will work in direct partnership with our county's health officials to respond accordingly.

Nearer to the beginning of the school year, I will release specific information to our parents that will outline our notification protocols and the fact that HIPAA limits our ability to provide specificity.

Thanks for your continued support, Kathi Powers, Superintendent

