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Dear Merritt Academy Family,

To inform all of our families we are sharing the following information regarding COVID-19.

- 1) The probable case of a HS staff member that we shared with you last Friday turned out to be a negative test result. This means that if you received an exposure letter last Friday you were NOT exposed in this case. In that case we worked with the Macomb County Health Department and were told to treat it as a probable case. Now that the test result came back negative those students and staff do not need to quarantine due to this case. We did this out of an abundance of caution for our staff, students, and Mustang family.
- 2) This means our 8A group that was quarantined can return to face-to-face instruction tomorrow, November 19th 2020 per their regular schedule.
- 3) We do have a new positive test result to share. Today we learned that a high school student has tested positive for COVID-19. This student was last in school on Friday, November 13th, 2020. We have worked closely with the Macomb County Health Department to complete contact tracing and our school is following their guidelines and protocols. The guidelines require an individual that is exposed (less than 6ft for greater than 15 minutes over a 24 hour period) to a person with COVID-19 to self-quarantine at home for 14 days. **Since the high school student body was already sent home by the State of Michigan these students will follow the return date announced by the state.** If you have any questions or concerns please contact a member of the administration team. If you were exposed in this case, you will receive a separate letter in your email today from Mr. Girvin.

To this date Merritt Academy has had 7 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, 3 staff members and 4 high school students. We have not had any positive cases of students or staff at the Middle School or Elementary levels. We have had 70 staff and students quarantined. 13 of these exposures were at home or in the community, and 57 were whole or partial class quarantines from here at school.

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