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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. This letter is to inform you that a staff member of Panama Central School has tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member has not been at school since December 4, 2020.

The Chautauqua County Department of Health (DOH) has been notified. We are working with the health department and are taking all recommended steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff. If your student is considered a direct contact, the Department of Health will contact you. Rest assured, that on a nightly basis our school buildings and buses are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

The District cannot release any further details due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability & Accounting Act (HIPAA) requirements. We will provide further updates if additional steps need to be taken by our program.

Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and stay home if they are sick. In addition, please contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms or if you have any additional questions or concerns.

More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at <a href="https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home">https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home</a> or on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html</a>.

If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact us.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent