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Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School Community,

We were informed yesterday that a student at Franklin Ave. Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. After consulting with the Rockland County Department of Health (RCDOH), we identified and contacted the parents of all students and staff that were exposed to the positive case. Anyone exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 must quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure. We are working cooperatively with the RCDOH to provide them with contact information for those who may have been exposed.

In addition, we were notified of another student at PRHS and a staff member at Pearl River Middle School testing positive yesterday. Both of these individuals have not been in their schools for a number of days, and therefore, RCDOH has determined that there is no need for others in the schools to quarantine.

Due to federal privacy laws, further information regarding the identity of any of these individuals will not be released.

We are confident that the protocols that we have put in place in our schools including social distancing, the requirement for wearing a mask throughout the day, and cleaning and sanitizing practices will help minimize the spread of this virus to others.

Parents must also do their part by checking their child's temperature each morning and checking for any <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u>. Anyone with a fever of 100 degrees or more, or any symptom of COVID-19 must remain home, and parents should contact their health care provider and school nurse.

We will continue to keep our school community informed regarding how this virus is impacting our schools.

Thank you,

Marco J. Pochentesta