

## Pearl River School District

135 West Crooked Hill Road Pearl River, New York 10965-2730

www.pearlriver.org

Phone: 845-620-3922 – Fax: 845-620-3927 pochintestam@pearlriver.org

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

September 20, 2020

Dear Pearl River School Community,

We were informed yesterday that an Evans Park student tested positive for COVID-19. We have contacted the parents of all students and staff that may have been exposed in the classroom or on the school bus, and have contacted the Rockland County Department of Health (RC DOH). We are working cooperatively with the RC DOH to provide them with contact information for those who may have been exposed.

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 thank the student's parents for following these protocols and contacting us immediately so that we could begin our work of informing affected families. I know you join us in wishing the student a speedy and complete recovery.

We will continue to keep our school community informed regarding how this virus is impacting our schools. Our priority is to inform the Department of Health and those families and staff that may have been exposed first. Please do not rely on social media commentary for information and contact the district or your school if you have questions.

Thank you,

Dr. Marco Pochintesta Superintendent of Schools

Marco J. Pochentesta