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Dear CTC School Community,

We were informed by Grand Traverse County Health Department officials Monday, November 9, 2020 of a positive school associated case of COVID-19 at the TBAISD Career-Tech Center. This means the individual was on school property during an infectious period of time. Our safety practices, sanitizing protocols, and recent transition to hybrid instruction at the Career-Tech Center are designed to significantly reduce student density and exposure within this regional center for education. Each CTC program functions as a contained classroom with strategic social distancing arrangements which play a key role in successfully mitigating the spread of the virus.

We are working directly with the health department in this investigation and individuals identified as close contacts will be notified by health officials or school administration to stay home, quarantine, self monitor for symptoms or take additional health measures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting of the school property has been completed and the health department does not recommend that the school take further action at this time. If you are not contacted by the health department or school officials, that means you have not been in close contact with the person who tested positive.

Students, parents, staff and community members are reminded of the importance of following safety protocols to help the school community slow the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to be vigilant by limiting social gatherings, frequently washing hands, and wearing a mask while in public places. As always, we encourage everyone to continue to monitor for symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Stay home if you feel sick and get tested if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individual with COVID-19. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions about this matter. We have included contact information to local health departments and encourage you to call them any time with your questions or concerns about COVID-19.
Grand Traverse County Health Department, Traverse City: 231-995-6111
Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
Benzie Office: 231-882-4409 | Leelanau Office: 231-256-0200
District Health Department #10, Kalkaska Office: 231-258-8669
Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Bellaire Office: 231-533-8670
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus.

Communication about this case has been posted to the TBAISD COVID-19 web page, as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). More about COVID-19 Close Contact & Quarantine Information and FAQs are provided here.

We wish to reassure our school families that though we have two schools that operate at this location, each functions independently of the other. It is for the safety of our students and staff that we restrict entry between these wings of this facility in order to minimize the spread of the virus between each school community.

We will continue to work to keep our school community safe and keep you informed every step of the way.

Sincerely,

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