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Dear Lion Family,

This letter is to inform you that an individual(s) at Salem Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The District is coordinating our efforts with the Georgia Department of Public Health and the DeKalb Board of Health to promptly identify and monitor individuals who have had recent close contact with the COVID-19 positive individual(s) to prevent further spread. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the state and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

Salem Middle School is taking the following mitigation steps:

- Cleaning and disinfecting the affected areas per the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Contacting staff members and students who were identified as having prolonged close contact to the COVID-19 case(s) to provide guidance and quarantine requirements.

The most important things that you can do are:

- Consistently and correctly wear a mask or face covering
- Frequently wash hands
- Socially distance to the largest extent possible

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms and contact their healthcare provider to determine if testing is needed. Anyone who develops symptoms should seek medical care immediately.

We are committed to providing our students and staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect our students, staff members, and families. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Damienne Denham Shabazz*