

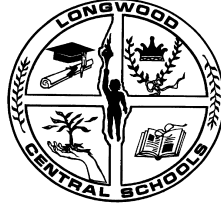
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Dear Longwood School Community,

Late this afternoon, the District was notified that a staff member at Charles E. Walters Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. At 7:30 p.m. tonight, the positive test result was confirmed by the Department of Health (DOH) and the staff member and the students in the class must quarantine pursuant to the DOH guidelines. Contact tracing will be conducted by the DOH, and the staff member and the students in the class will not return to school until the District receives clearance. At this time, all students involved have been contacted by building administration.

The staff member has had limited contact with students and staff. We have not been directed by the DOH to close the building. However, out of an abundance of caution and with our commitment to our community to remain safe at all times, I have decided to close CEW to students and staff on Thursday, September 17 and Friday, September 18. All students and staff at CEW will remain on a distance learning model for both days.

Building closure will ensure the District can thoroughly clean and disinfect areas in the building that were accessible to the staff member. Additionally, the District will continue to work collaboratively with the DOH regarding any other mitigating measures necessary.

It's important to remember that the health and safety protocols in place in all our buildings, including social distancing, mask-wearing, and handwashing protocols, were intentionally designed to mitigate the risk to students and staff in the event a positive case was present and subsequently identified. We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy academic 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.

I will update the district as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael R. Lonergan
Superintendent of Schools

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