GALENA PARK

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 16, 2020

Dear Staff/Parent/Guardian of North Shore Elementary:

As Superintendent of Schools, I believe in open and honest communication between the schools and our community. Our top priorities are always the safety and well-being of students and staff.

In keeping with GPISD practices to respond to COVID-19, we are notifying you that an individual who was lab-confirmed for COVID-19 was present on the campus of North Shore Elementary on December 11, 2020. Due to privacy requirements, we will not release the name of the individual or details that may identify him or her.

In accordance with contact tracing guidelines, the District has personally contacted anyone who, according to our investigation, met the criteria as a high-risk contact and informed them of necessary precautions. We have been in communication with City and County Health Departments and other than the individuals directly contacted, indications are there is little to no risk to any other students or staff members.

Although others do not meet the criteria for close contact exposure, we ask that you, as always, watch for symptoms of COVID-19.

Any of the following symptoms indicate possible COVID-19 infection:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- New onset of severe headache

We will proceed with the highest level of caution to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and their families. As an added safety measure, our Custodial Services Department will properly disinfect and sanitize any infected areas, making it safe for students and staff to return. Be assured, we will continue to follow all safety protocols as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and our state and local health departments. We ask that you continue the practices of healthy hygiene and social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

We will continue to keep our school community updated, as necessary, via the official Galena Park I.S.D. webpage, Facebook (@GPISD), Twitter (@GalenaParkISD), and Blackboard ParentLink. Questions may be emailed to <u>communications@galenaparkisd.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Jóhn Moore, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools