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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff,

We were advised last Friday (November 13, 2020) that one of our students had tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We immediately contacted the Onondaga County Health Department, in order to begin the contact tracing process. As part of this process, a representative from the Onondaga County Health Department or from Tully Schools has already reached out to anyone who has had close contact with the individual who tested positive. If you or anyone in your family has <u>not</u> been contacted directly by either the Health Department or Tully Schools, this means that the health department has determined you were not exposed. Additionally, after discussing this situation with health department officials, we have determined that our schools will remain open at this time.

The student who tested positive, and any other students/faculty/staff who were exposed, will not return to school until the Onondaga County Health Department provides clearance for them to do so. We hope you understand that we cannot provide any additional information about the student who tested positive, or to any others who were exposed, due to confidentiality concerns. In addition to following the recommendations of the Onondaga County Health Department, we will continue to deep clean and sanitize our school buildings and school buses on a daily basis.

Please continue to practice and encourage good hand-washing hygiene, wear face masks, and practice social distancing. If you or a family member start to exhibit symptoms of the virus (fever, shortness of breath, and coughing, for example), please reach out to your physician and inform the appropriate school nurse. If you do not have a physician, you can contact the Upstate Medical hotline at 315-464-3979. If you would like further information on COVID-19, please go to this Onondaga County website, ongov.net/health, and click on the COVID-19 link.

During this difficult time, we will continue to support our students, families, faculty and staff to the best of our ability. Let's all continue to work together to stay healthy, so our schools can stay open.

Sincerely,

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