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Dear Families and Staff,

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding COVID-19 in our schools. Since moving to masks welcome, we have been monitoring case levels closely as you know. Over the past week, we have experienced an increase in cases at each of our schools: Marion Cross School was notified of four cases, the Ray School 9 cases, the Richmond Middle School five cases and Hanover High School experienced 17 cases. Instead of seeing zero to three cases per day across the district, we have been experiencing closer to seven cases per day. Fortunately, what we have been hearing is that people are experiencing milder forms of illness and there have been no hospitalizations. As always, our schools remain "masks welcome".

We urge everyone to monitor closely for symptoms and to inform our nurses if you are experiencing any symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to follow safety protocols and welcome mask wearing. Additionally, we have a very low threshold for student and staff illness, and we continue to require that people with signs of illness remain home and conduct a COVID antigen test.

Please remember if you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness or breath, or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, or new loss of taste and smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, please stay home and away from others and get tested. We will also continue to follow our protocols when individuals test positive for COVID-19.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please contact your school nurse for instructions regarding what you will need to do. Thank you again for all you are doing to keep students and staff healthy and safe in SAU 70.

Sincerely,

Jay Badams Superintendent

