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Good afternoon,

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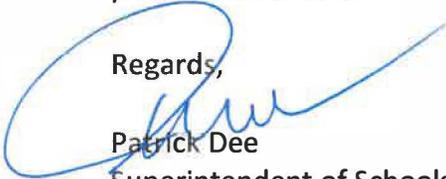
After being notified yesterday evening of an individual who was in attendance in the Elementary Building on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and then tested positive on September 28<sup>th</sup> for COVID; the elementary school was proactively closed on Tuesday to permit the Washington County Department of Health to effectively conduct contact Tracing.

The county has been making calls throughout the day to notify any known individual identified in the public health investigation who may have had direct contact with the affected person. Contact Tracers are continuing to make contact with affected individuals. Those that are identified are being informed that they must quarantine for 14 days from contact.

As the county has the names of individuals who are believed to have had contact, and are in process of completing those calls, the elementary building **will reopen for instruction tomorrow, Wednesday, September 30, 2020.** I do appreciate the understanding of the Whitehall community in regard to these important matters regarding student safety. Lastly, I greatly appreciate the professionalism and expertise and partnership shown by members of the Washington County Public Health Department through this process.

I look forward to seeing our elementary students back on campus tomorrow to resume their in-person instruction.

Regards,

  
Patrick Dee  
Superintendent of Schools