Berlin
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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A. Joseph Dhara, Superintendent of Schools

March 31, 2021

Dear Berlin Parents and Guardians,

On March 31st, the Berlin Central School District was notified that a staff member at Berlin Elementary School had tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was last in the building on Tuesday, March 30th.

Per our health and safety protocols, the District has been in communication with the Rensselaer County Department of Health to determine any necessary follow-up. We have now identified and notified all persons who may have had close contact with the positive case within the school. If you were not contacted there is no further action needed on your part.

Our protocols around thorough cleaning and disinfecting are being performed and continue to take place daily in accordance with guidelines from the NYS Department of Health and the Rensselaer County Department of Health.

We ask that all families continue to follow all safety guidelines outside of school hours including proper use of face coverings, social distancing, proper hand hygiene and avoiding gatherings and travel to states with high positivity rates. We also remind you to please complete the daily health screening form for your child prior to sending them to school.

Please monitor your child(ren) for any symptoms of COVID and report any absences and positive COVID-19 test results to your child's school. Symptoms vary, and some people may not experience any symptoms. Please contact your healthcare provider (or the county health department if you do not have one) to be assessed if you or your child have one or more of these new or worsening symptoms:

- a temperature greater or equal to 100.0° F
- feel feverish or have chills
- cough
- loss of taste or smell
- fatigue
- sore throat
- shortness of breath

- ➢ nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- ➢ muscle pain or body aches
- ➢ headaches or nasal congestion/running nose

Due to confidentiality reasons, the district cannot provide any additional information about an individual who has tested positive.

Anyone with questions and/or who needs to report a COVID-19 related health issue should contact the Berlin COVID Coordinator, Michele Corsey, at mcorsey@berlincentral.org.

Thank you all for your ongoing efforts to keep Berlin Central School safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Joseph Dhara

Berlin Superintendent