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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the criteria schools are to use to determine if a student has close contact to another student or staff member that has possible symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19.

A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet, greater than 15 minutes, of an individual with possible symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19. (6/15 rule)

If it is determined that your child meets the criteria for exposure, as defined by the 6/15 rule, you will be contacted directly by the school principal or school nurse and your child will need to go home.

The classroom seating chart and bus chart will be used **initially** by schools and the Alabama Department of Public Health to determine if a potential exposure has occurred.

An Alabama Department of Public Health Employee will contact the parent or guardian to give additional information when your child may return to the classroom. Alabama Department of Public Health will be responsible for additional contact tracing.

If your child is in the classroom and is not considered an exposure, you will not be contacted by the school.

While we realize this is a difficult time for everyone, please keep in mind that we are doing everything we can to provide a safe learning environment for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the principal or school nurse at your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we navigate this uncertain time together.

Sincerely,

Darryl Aikerson Superintendent