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Dear Highland Staff and Families:

District 58 learned today that a First Student bus driver tested positive for COVID-19. The bus driver most recently drove a Highland bus route on Wednesday, Nov. 4. After developing COVID-19 symptoms on the evening of Nov. 4, he/she began to quarantine and got tested, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines.

At this time, District 58 is working with the bus company to review video footage and seating charts to determine if the driver had any close contacts with students on his/her route. The District anticipates that the review of the video footage will be completed tomorrow. If a close contact is confirmed, the District will promptly notify the families of any affected students tomorrow. If you do not hear from a District administrator or Mr. Craft, please assume your child is not a close contact. All close contacts to this or any positive case will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Per IDPH guidelines, the bus driver must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms. The bus driver is following these guidelines, and the 10-day period will conclude prior to the planned resumption of in-person instruction on Nov 30.

First Student bus company follows all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. Additionally, First Student thoroughly cleans and disinfects all buses after each bus route.

District 58 has already confirmed that the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is aware of the positive case to ensure that contact tracing and protocols were strictly followed. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is paramount, and we will continue to follow all guidelines called for by the IDPH and the DCHD. Please continue to wear masks, adhere to social distancing requirements, and thoroughly wash and/or sanitize your hands as this is the best way to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Kevin B. Russell'.

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools