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Dear Lester Staff and Families,

District 58 was notified this evening that a Champions staff member who works at Lester School tested positive for COVID-19. Champions is District 58's onsite before- and after-school childcare provider. This Champions employee was last at Lester on Tuesday, Dec. 15 before school. The employee developed symptoms after leaving his/her shift, began to quarantine and got tested, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines.

At this time, District 58 is working with Champions and the DuPage County Health Department to determine if there are any close contacts. In the event the District learns there were close contacts with other students or staff, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days. We do not believe this case is related to any others in District 58.

Champions' leadership team developed several protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and one is to close a site for 72 hours after the test date for any Champions staff member who tests positive for COVID-19. The Champions program contacted affected families on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Please note, the protocols Champions follows are in addition to the IDPH guidelines that public schools follow.

While very few families are enrolled in Champions this year at Lester (four total students), we felt it was important to inform staff and families. As a reminder, Champions is not part of District 58 and is a separate entity. However, District 58 requires anyone who uses its facilities to strictly adhere to all protocols and guidelines set for by the IDPH and the DuPage County Health Department. At this time, Champions is the only partner that is permitted to operate inside our facilities. The program at all schools takes place in the gymnasiums. These spaces are cleaned and disinfected after each morning and afternoon session.

Should you have any questions about this case, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Katie Hannigan at the District Office at channigan@dg58.org or 630-719-5839.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools