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Dear Pierce Downer Staff and Families:

District 58 was notified today that a Pierce Downer staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last at school on Wednesday, Dec. 9. When the employee began experiencing symptoms last night, he/she began to quarantine and got tested this morning, in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines. The test yielded a positive result. The District is grateful that this employee followed the IDPH requirements.

Per IDPH guidelines, this employee 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 employee will follow these guidelines.

At this time, we do not believe this staff member was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to maintaining strict social distancing requirements. In the event the District learns there were close contacts with other students or staff inside or outside of school, those individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days. Through contact tracing, District 58 does not believe that this case is related to the other Pierce Downer cases reported this week.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. Additionally, the Pierce Downer custodial staff thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of the school between the morning and afternoon sessions as well as every evening. Pierce Downer has been cleaned and disinfected since the staff member was last onsite.

District 58 also notified the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) of the positive case to ensure that protocols, contact tracing and the self-certification process 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