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Dear Whittier Staff and Families:

District 58 learned this afternoon that a fourth grade student at Whittier tested positive for COVID-19. The student has not been at school since Friday, Oct 30. The student developed symptoms on Sunday, Nov. 1, so the family got the student tested, and they received a positive result today. Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, anyone who tests positive 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.”

At this time, we do not believe the student was in close contact with any District 58 students or staff members while at school due to maintaining the District’s strict social distancing requirements. The District has learned that there were other close contacts outside of school with Whittier students, and all are now in quarantine for 14 days. The District is grateful that all families involved notified the District in the proper manner and have adhered to the IDPH guidelines. There is no known school-based link related to this case.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive, including contact tracing. Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night.

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