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Dear Fairmount and O'Neill Staff and Families:

District 58 learned this afternoon that a Fairmount sixth grader and an O'Neill eighth grader tested positive for COVID-19. The students are siblings. The sixth grade student has not been at school since Monday, Nov. 2, and the eighth grade student has not been at school since Thursday, Oct. 29. The parent was a close contact to a positive case, so the family got tested, and they received positive results today. Please note, the students' last attendance days differ solely due to middle school scheduling.

Per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, the students must stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms or, for asymptomatic cases, from the COVID-19 test date, AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms. The students will follow these guidelines.

At this time, we do not believe the students were 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 is aware of potential close contacts that took place outside of school. District 58 works in conjunction with families, staff and the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) to thoroughly investigate potential close contacts. Once a close contact is confirmed, the District will notify the families of impacted students. The notification process is taking place this evening. If you do not hear from your school principal or assistant principal this evening, 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. There is no known school-based link related to this case and close contacts. The District is grateful that the family notified the District in the proper manner and has adhered to the IDPH guidelines.

District 58 will continue to follow all protocols outlined by the IDPH when a student or staff member tests positive. Additionally, the District thoroughly cleans and disinfects all areas of schools and/or buildings every night. Fairmount and O'Neill schools have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected since these students were onsite.

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,

Dr. Kevin B. Russell
Superintendent of Schools