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Dear McGarity Elementary Family,

Our school district is committed to keeping our community informed about issues relating to the COVID-19 coronavirus. There are no cases of COVID-19 coronavirus at McGarity Elementary or any other Paulding County school. However, we believe it is important to share with you that we learned this morning one of our McGarity employees was informed they are a contact to a case of COVID-19 coronavirus that was confirmed in an adjacent county.

Even though the employee shows no symptoms of COVID-19, as someone who has been in contact with a confirmed case the employee has been advised to self-quarantine for the next 14 days as a precaution. The employee will not be at school during this time. Out of an abundance of caution, once we were made aware that the employee had possibly been in contact with a potential case, custodial staff fumigated at McGarity on Sunday with an anti-viral disinfectant.

Our school district remains in close contact with the Department of Public Health as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is monitoring this situation very closely. We will continue to follow the authorities' recommendations on how to proceed and will keep you informed if there are developments that impact our school.

Again, I want to emphasize that there are no cases of COVID-19 coronavirus at McGarity Elementary or in any Paulding County school. The best action any of us can take at this time is to continue with diligent preventive measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you cough or sneeze, after using the restroom, and before eating.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and avoid touching others as well.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
- Do not share eating utensils or drinking containers.
- If your child is sick, please do not send them to school.

More information about COVID-19 coronavirus is available on the school district web site at www.paulding.k12.ga.us, and at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>.

Thank you,
Karla Dodgen, Principal