

# ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Staff and Students,

The health and safety of our staff and students is a top priority, and, in these unprecedented times, this priority continues to guide our decisions. Over the weekend, we learned that one of our staff members at the Atlantic City High School tested positive for COVID-19. After making sure that this individual is not in the school building and suggesting they receive care, we want to make sure that our staff and students understand the steps we are taking to ensure your health and safety, including anyone who may have had close contact with this individual.

## **Facility Closure and Disinfection**

We are temporarily closing Atlantic City High School effective, June 20, 2020, while we undertake a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the facility. These steps will be taken in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations. We anticipate that these steps will be completed by June 23, 2020, and that all delegated staff will be able to return to the building on June 24, 2020. Until then, only personnel with prior authorization will be permitted access to the facility.

## **Continued Attention to Heightened Hygiene**

Upon return to the school building, we will continue our heightened environmental cleaning regimen in accordance with CDC recommendations, including routine cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces, such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, doorknobs, etc.. We advise all students and staff to continue their personal regimens related to reducing transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

## **Potential Exposure**

We have notified those who potentially have been exposed to the infected individual through close contact at the school building. According to the CDC, close contact means being within approximately six feet of a person with a symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time. The CDC categorizes such exposure as a Medium Risk, which means the exposed individual, if asymptomatic, should remain at home, practice social distancing, and actively monitor for symptoms.

We understand that you may have questions and concerns, and we will update you as we move forward. We reiterate our commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff. This is new territory for all of us, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions as we move forward together.

Thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry S. Caldwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Barry S. Caldwell