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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Near North District School Board (NNDSB) has been informed of a positive COVID-19 case at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Elementary School. While this is not an NNDSB school, some students from White Woods Public School and Northern Secondary School shared the bus.

The affected bus route is #52 – Alouette Bus Lines. All individuals who were on that bus on the afternoon of Friday, April 9, 2021, are considered high-risk contacts. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has already notified all close contacts with next steps. At this time, no NNDSB individuals from Northern Secondary School or White Woods Public School have tested positive for COVID-19.

All students and staff who are not directly contacted by the health unit have been determined to have had a low-risk exposure to the case of COVID-19. A low-risk exposure includes transient interactions such as walking by a person with COVID-19, or briefly being in the same room with a person who has COVID-19. In these situations, the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 is very low; however self-monitoring for symptoms is recommended. Self-isolation and testing are not recommended for low-risk exposures.

It is important that you monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. The main symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever; cough; loss of taste and smell; or shortness of breath. However, COVID-19 can present with other symptoms such as those similar to a common cold or common stomach illness. A full list of symptoms is available [here](#).

The [self-assessment tool](#) can be used to help determine if symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.

If symptoms of COVID-19 are present, immediately self-isolate and seek out a COVID-19 assessment and testing centre. When calling for an appointment at your local COVID-19 assessment centre, please inform the staff that there has been an exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case and COVID-19 symptoms are present. If severe symptoms are present, such as difficulty breathing, please call 911 or attend the emergency department for immediate attention.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit at 1-800-563-2808.

Thank you,
Near North District School Board