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**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Near North District School Board (NNDSB) has been informed of a positive COVID-19 case involving a member of the West Ferris Intermediate and Secondary School community.

NNDSB works closely with the health unit to provide information about staff and students for contact tracing (e.g. attendance records, class lists, contact information for parents, etc.). Anyone that has been identified as a high-risk exposure will receive a note with specific instructions to follow and will be contacted by public health.

As per standard protocol, the health unit has dismissed the affected cohort. At this time, the school will remain open to in-person learning.

The dismissed cohort will begin asynchronous learning tomorrow (Tuesday, Oct. 5). Vaccinated and asymptomatic students will hear more about a return to in-person learning on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Virtual learning will continue for those students who are required to self-isolate.

All students and staff who are not directly contacted by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit have been determined to have had a low-risk exposure to the case of COVID-19. Self-monitoring for symptoms is recommended. Self-isolation and testing are not required for low-risk exposures.

An [enhanced cleaning](#) of the entire school will take place by custodial staff, ensuring all staff and student areas are thoroughly disinfected.

Please note that NNDSB and the health unit are prohibited from sharing any details with the public that may identify individuals in accordance with the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

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

If symptoms of COVID-19 are present, it is important to immediately self-isolate and seek out a COVID-19 assessment and testing centre.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit at 1-844 478 1400.

NNDSB wishes the affected member a safe and speedy recovery.

Thank you,  
Near North District School Board