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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 Secondary School community.

NNDSB works closely with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) 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 class, those on a bus route, and school sports team. At this time, the school will remain open to in-person learning and the health unit has not declared an outbreak.

The dismissed students will begin virtual learning on Monday, Dec. 20 and remain in a virtual format until the winter break begins. Affected students should expect communication from their teachers regarding virtual learning.

All students and staff who are not directly contacted by NBPSDHU or receive guidance informational documents 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 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 NBPSDHU at 1-844-478-1400.

NNDSB wishes the affected member a safe and speedy recovery.

Thank you,
Near North District School Board