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Dear Parents, Students, and Staff:

This letter is to inform you that another individual associated with Farrington Elementary has tested positive for Covid-19. The individual has been placed in isolation and we have been contact tracing in response to the notification. **The families of the students who may be impacted have been contacted directly.** The Superintendent's office is working closely with the principal and school nurse in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Center for Disease Control regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Out of an abundance of caution and the continued need for tracking possible close contacts, Farrington Elementary will cease in person education and be fully remote for Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th. The school will reopen for Cohort A on Monday, November 16th.

It is extremely important that all students and staff continue to monitor for symptoms. Please call a health care provider if symptoms are present. It is important that you call a healthcare facility before you show up in person. Please stay home if you're sick.

School officials will be monitoring this situation in collaboration with the DOE and CDC during the remainder of the week.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that ranges from mild to severe. It can be more severe in adults 60 years and older and in those with underlying conditions. The virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. Signs and symptoms include:

Fever or chills	New loss of taste or smell
Cough	Sore throat
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Congestion or runny nose
Fatigue	Nausea or vomiting
Muscle or body aches	Diarrhea
Headache	

Please keep in mind that many things can cause respiratory illness, so students and staff should be up-to-date on influenza and routine vaccinations.

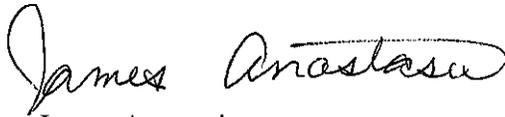
Maine CDC recommends prevention measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include proper handwashing with soap and warm water, which is

especially important after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. When soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

School questions can be directed to Teresa Beaudoin, school principal or Bobbie Morrissette, school nurse. For general COVID-19 questions, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). You can also text your ZIP code to 898-211 or email info@211maine.org. Call a health care provider for questions about your symptoms. More information can be found at www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

It is unfortunate that we are dealing with an interruption to in person education and the inconvenience and frustration as a result, but the health and safety of students and staff is more important. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Anastasio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James Anastasio
Superintendent of Schools