Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

DR. RICHARD S. DECMAN, SUPERINTENDENT SHELLY PARSONS, SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR PETE FALK, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

August 27, 2020

RE: Notification of Positive COVID-19 Test

Dear Herscher CUSD #2 School Community,

The district has been closely monitoring the health and safety of our staff and students. We have become aware that a HHS student has tested positive for COVID-19. In addition to this, we have also become aware than an employee has a probable COVID-19 diagnosis. As a result, the district has notified and will require any individuals (staff and/or students) that are determined to be a "close contact" to quarantine at home for (14) days. The CDC defines a "close contact" as "any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

The last time the COVID-19 positive individual was in the school setting while they were contagious was Monday, August 24th for the student and Friday, August 21st for the staff member. Please understand that we cannot disclose the name of the person(s) diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.

Considering the positive diagnosis of COVID-19, all areas of the building and/or classroom(s) potentially impacted are or have been cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the recommendations from the CDC and IDPH.

Please remember to keep your student home if they are ill for any reason. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID-19 prevention policies and procedures as we work together to keep our students, staff and families safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent