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Dear VWCS School Community,

Van Wert City Schools is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. We want to inform you that we have recently received information that a district employee of Van Wert City Schools @ Goedde tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The staff was a district employee and was not around any students/staff closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer.

We are working closely with the Van Wert County Health Department and anyone identified as a close contact has been notified by the health department or Van Wert City Schools as a part of our COVID-19 investigation. If you were not contacted, your child has not been in close contact with the staff member. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed area has been completed.

If you have any questions, contact Van Wert City Schools at 419-238-0648 or the Van Wert County Health Department at 419-238-0808. Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/). Resources from the CDC include:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/Daily-Home-Screening-for-Students-Checklist-ACTIVE-rev5A.pdf>

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

Sincerely,

Mark Bagley - Superintendent

