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Dear Blazer Learning Community Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

As per our [*Blazer Learning Community health & Safety Plan*](#), this correspondence is to inform you that over this past weekend we had learned that a member of our boys basketball program has tested positive for COVID-19. We are keeping this program's member in our thoughts for a safe, healthy, and speedy recovery.

The facts:

- We were notified of a positive COVID-19 test over the weekend
- The individual was a participant in the program during the infectious period
- The individual had not attended our schools for in-person instruction during the infectious period
- The individual did not utilize district transportation during the infectious period

We continue to be cognizant that this information is not any of which we wanted to hear as we approach the second quarter of school for 2020/2021; however, it is imperative to note the following:

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADoH) has been notified and we have been working with them since knowledge of the positive test was determined
- In an abundance of caution, all members included within the program of the COVID-19 positive individual will be under quarantine as per PADoH recommendation and guidance
- Any member of the program needing to quarantine, as per the PADoH recommendation and guidance, has received separate notification
- Any program member instructed to quarantine will receive their education via our Daniel Boone Digital Learning (DBDL) platform for the duration of quarantine
- Any parent/guardian/caregiver who fears possible exposure for their child(ren) may choose to participate in DBDL for the duration of the quarantine and should contact the DBAHS principal indicating as such
- Student, staff, and community safety continues to be our top priority focus area
- Additional cases; in particular, those that are specific to our in-person environment could compromise our *Blazer Learning Community Learning Options* that are in-person

While this positive case does not mean your child will get COVID-19, it is still important for parents/guardians/caregivers to be aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if your child becomes ill. Common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever and cough. Some individuals may also experience shortness of breath, runny nose, fatigue, sore throat, body aches, headache,

chills, loss of taste / smell or gastrointestinal symptoms. Symptoms can vary by person and range from very mild symptoms to severe illness. More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at [PA Department of Health](#) or at [the Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#). Immediately report any symptoms requiring medical attention to the PADOH (1-877-724-3258) and contact your health care provider. Be sure to inform the provider of you or your child's possible exposure to a person with COVID-19.

Please continue to watch for symptoms of COVID-19 over the next couple of weeks. If your child currently has symptoms or develops symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your child's healthcare provider. We encourage families to continue practicing proper hand hygiene by washing hands often with soap and water for at minimum twenty (20) seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available, physical distancing when outside of the home, wearing face coverings, covering coughs and sneezes with elbow and **NOT** hands, cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas, and checking health on a daily basis. A student, staff, or community member exhibiting any symptoms of illness, that student or staff should not come to school and community member should not enter district buildings. Students, staff and community are asked to continue to monitor their health. If your child(ren) has any of these symptoms, please contact your medical provider. Students who are asymptomatic or feeling well enough are still able to continue with classwork remotely through our Daniel Boone Digital Learning (DBDL) platform to avoid falling behind when they are unable to attend school in-person.

Our [Blazer Learning Community health & Safety Plan](#) is only effective if we all do our part to ensure we are making decisions to keep one another safe and healthy. **If students, staff, or community find themselves in a position where they may have been exposed to COVID-19, necessitating a test, the time to [notify your school nurse](#) or building administration is at the time the test is requested and NOT after results are acquired.** Be aware of any persons in your household who may be at higher risk of getting COVID-19, including individuals who are elderly, immunocompromised (e.g., someone who has cancer and is taking chemotherapy), or have another condition or illness such as diabetes or asthma. You or your child should practice physical distancing around those persons. If you are contacted by the PADOH, please cooperate with monitoring and follow all instructions so that other people do not become sick.

Please understand that we have prepared for the varied scenarios that have occurred within our *Blazer Learning Community* this far, this 2020/2021 school year, and all the appropriate steps continue to be underway. We will continue to assess this situation in consultation with the PADOH and will; if necessary, provide you with updates as we know more. Please continue to frequently access our district's [COVID-19](#) page for information and updates.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this correspondence, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett A. Cooper".

Brett A. Cooper Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools