



STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

October 22, 2020

“A student of James W. Parker Middle School who is the sibling of the student that I reported earlier this week tested positive for COVID-19 has also tested positive for COVID-19. Therefore, we have two middle school students in the same family who have tested positive for COVID-19. This student was in school on Monday and after consulting with the Erie County Health Department, we have determined there are no close contacts from the classroom as observed and verified by our teachers. There are, however, five close contacts from the school bus as confirmed by bus video.

Parents of students who were close contacts have been contacted and the students are in quarantine. Out of abundance of caution, we have also contacted parents of students whose children were in close proximity beyond 6 feet of the student, so they are informed and are extra vigilant with the checking of symptoms, but again, they are not close contacts and we are not required to take this extra step.

I would also note that this student who recently tested positive has been asymptomatic, which means the risk of the virus transmission on Monday was low.

In reviewing this situation, we are aware that students are remaining vigilant with their mask wearing and want to thank parents who are emphasizing this.

As I have stated previously, if COVID-19 is in the community, it will be in our schools. It is a positive that no close contacts were made in the classroom and those from the bus are a small number.”

All parents and families in the District received this communication via phone call home on Thursday, October 22, 2020 around 12:20 p.m.

For questions or more information, please contact Sarah Grabski, Director of Communications and Administrative Services at sarahgrabski@generalmclane.org or 814-273-1033 ext 5901.