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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be advised that on October 25, 2020, we were notified that a student at the Wallkill Senior High School tested positive for COVID-19.

The student was last in attendance on October 21, 2020. Twenty-nine (29) students and six (6) staff members have been identified to be in proximate contact of the student who tested positive and will be mandated to quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the last date of exposure. These individuals will be contacted by the Ulster County Department of Health as well as a school official. If you do not receive a phone call this evening, your child was not considered to be in proximate contact with the student who tested positive. The student who tested positive will remain in isolation in accordance with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidelines (see page A-2 of the NYS Department of Health Toolkit that is posted on our website and was previously emailed to you). As a reminder, due to many privacy laws, we are unable to identify the individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

We collaborated with the Ulster County Department of Health to thoroughly assess the situation and to identify proximate contacts. Based on the information collected, we have determined that in-person learning at the Wallkill Senior High School will continue with its normal schedule except for those individuals who have been mandated to quarantine.

Students who have been directed to self-quarantine will pivot to remote learning until the quarantine period has ended. The classroom teacher and/or building principal will provide more information regarding the remote learning schedule to students who are mandated to quarantine.

Since the start of the school year we have been thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting our buildings and will continue to do so daily. In addition, the requirement to wear a mask throughout the day, social distancing and proper hygiene helps to minimize the spread of the virus to others. Therefore, please continue to emphasize to your child the importance of wearing a mask, complying with 6 ft social distancing, and washing their hands. **Most importantly, if your child is sick, keep them home.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Castle".

Kevin Castle
Superintendent of Schools