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Dear Port Washington Community:

As we conclude the second week of school, I would like to share how grateful I am for your cooperation over the last two weeks as we successfully welcomed our students and staff back for the new year. With the health and safety of our students, staff and community at the forefront, the District will continue to make adjustments to improve upon our reopening plans as necessary.

In an effort to implement a balanced approach of keeping the school community informed and preserving student and staff confidentiality, we have enhanced our communication process in regard to how we will inform you of Coronavirus exposure or potential exposure in the District. Beginning immediately, if your child's classmate or classroom teacher tests positive with the Coronavirus, or is mandated to be quarantined due to an order from the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH), you will receive a communication from the building principal. This communication will advise you of any interim steps we are taking, such as a school closing; although, we will not identify the name of the student or staff member in question. A follow-up communication will be sent to inform you of the direction we receive from NCDOH.

It is our collective responsibility to protect one another and act responsibly. Please continue to complete the [Student Health Screening](#) prior to sending your child to school each day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Hynes".

Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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