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February 25, 2021

Dear St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School community,

This letter is to inform you that a staff member at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last in the school on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The positive test result was confirmed by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) today. Out of respect for the privacy of the individual, personal health information and identifiers will not be released.

Any students, staff or cohorts that are required to quarantine will be notified immediately by the school and will be contacted by Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) within the next two days. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 may not return to school until they are cleared by HPHS.

The school will continue to follow guidance from Public Health Officials around infection prevention and control. As part of its COVID-19 action plan, the HWCDSB will undertake a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas at the school occupied by the symptomatic individual and will ensure all preventive measures are in place.

The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff is always a priority concern for our school and school board but is especially important during a global pandemic. We will continue to work closely with HPHS to ensure all health and safety measures are in place to prevent transmission to other students and individuals in the school community. Students and staff should continue to attend school, unless directed otherwise by HPHS, and to screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms on the provincial [COVID-19 school screening website](#).

Please follow the directions provided in the COVID-19 school screening. If your child(ren) develops COVID-19 symptoms, they must stay home from school and should get a COVID-19 test. To book a COVID-19 test, please go to www.HamiltonCovidTest.ca.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please consult the Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 School Health program Hotline at 905-974-9848 (option 5) or covidschoolteam@hamilton.ca.

In closing, we wish to assure you of our ongoing commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff and will notify you of any new developments.

Sincerely,

Ms. C. Schillaci
Principal