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Dear Solvay UFSD Families and Staff,

We were advised today that one of our District employees has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We have been coordinating with the Onondaga County Department of Health and they are in contact with any staff and or students that may have been exposed. If you haven't been notified directly by the health department your child was not exposed. We continue to work to support our students, families, and employees during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation.

News like this can be received with mixed emotions from our community. Rest assured the safety and health of our students and staff are our top priority. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit <http://www.ongov.net/health/coronavirus.html> or call the 24-hour a day Upstate University Hospital triage line at 315-464-3979.

If you or a family member is exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), please do not go to the emergency room without contacting your healthcare provider first. They will provide you with further guidance.

Please remember that social distancing and good hygiene are our best defenses against this virus. Stay home and do not go out into public unless you have to.

We know this time may be stressful on families and our students, if you would like to talk to someone, please let us know if our school counselors and staff can be of assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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