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Dear Northwest Local School District Community:

I am writing to inform you that the Northwest School District has recently <u>fourteen</u> students tested positive with COVID. The <u>Elementary School</u> had <u>four</u>, the <u>Middle School</u> <u>four</u> and the <u>High School</u> had <u>six</u>. The district had <u>three</u> staff member at the <u>High School</u> tested positive for COVID. These individuals already quarantined at home by order of the Scioto County Health Department, has displayed mild symptoms for the virus. Due to privacy laws, we cannot disclose further information about the employee.

Northwest District will remain on its current schedule at this time. We ask you to take these steps to continue to be aware of your health:

1. As a precaution, consider postponing plans for play dates, family visits, and extracurricular and social according to Scioto County Health Department Guidelines.

2. Continue to check your child for COVID-19 symptoms daily: fever or chills, new uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache, especially with fever.

• If anyone in your household develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, they should immediately isolate and call Scioto County Health Department 740- 355-8358. Also contact your medical providers.

• If NO symptoms develop and you have not been instructed otherwise to quarantine for a different exposure, your child may continue to attend school.

If you have any questions, contact Northwest Middle School at 740-259-2528 or the Scioto County Health Department) at 740-355-8358.

Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community and school.