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State Superintendent of Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you that on Thursday, July 9, 2020, the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) reported the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) that an MSDE employee at BCJJC tested positive for the Coronavirus. Due to federal confidentiality laws, we are not at liberty to share the name or position of the employee with MSDE. However, the employee's last day at BCJJC was on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. MSDE will share updates with you as they are received. DJS has conducted an emergency cleaning of the entire facility, and the classrooms will be safe for re-entry at the completion of the contact tracing. All staff will be notified 24 hours prior to the date of re-entry.

Virtual teaching will begin as soon as students return to the classroom. In this time of National and State emergency, we are doing our best to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Please continue to follow the CDC and the Maryland Department of Health guidelines on social distancing, regular handwashing, and wearing a mask when you are in the building. Should you need to request leave related to COVID-19, please follow MSDE and JSES policies for requesting leave.

Thank you for your ongoing service to our students, the JSES Department, and the State of Maryland. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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