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Dear Southeast Fountain Families,

Many of you share our concerns regarding the disruption to in person learning which has been caused by quarantines and school closures related to COVID-19. Your school Board of Directors, School Administrators, and I want to keep students in school whenever possible. With this in mind, we will implement a slight modification to our existing procedures. The new procedures are in line with CDC guidelines.

As has been the procedure, students or staff who are exhibiting any probable COVID symptoms will be sent home until we have evidence of a negative COVID test or until after the required quarantine period. Family members or others who reside in the same household as the symptomatic student or staff will also be sent home for the quarantine period, or until the symptomatic person produces a negative test.

We must also continue to contact trace and require CDC expected quarantine periods for anyone who is a close contact to someone who has tested positive. This procedure will not change.

Until now, we have also been requiring quarantine for others who are close contacts to someone who has experienced symptoms before we know for sure that those symptoms are due to a positive COVID test. **This procedure will change.** If your child is a close contact to someone who exhibits symptoms, you will be notified. However, we will not mandate quarantine for your child unless and until we have a confirmed positive COVID test from the symptomatic person. However, you may choose to quarantine your child immediately. The school will respect your decision and will provide remote learning opportunities for your child.

Thank you for your continued support of Southeast Fountain School Corporation. We will continue to revise our policies to keep in line with CDC guidelines as new information is forthcoming, and look forward to the day that this is behind us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Tania Grimes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located below the "Kind regards," text.

Dr. Tania Grimes
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