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Dear Life Skills Center school community,

We were informed by Grand Traverse County Health Department officials Monday, May 10, 2021 of a school associated case on the property of Northwest Education Services' (formerly TBAISD) Life Skills Center. This means the individual was on school property during an infectious period of time. A thorough cleaning of the property was completed prior to students returning to school and school officials were not advised to take further action at this time.

All individuals identified as close contacts in this case investigation have been notified by health department or school officials. If you have not been contacted by the health department or school officials, that means you have not been in close contact with the person who tested positive.

Students, parents, staff and community members are reminded of the importance of following safety protocols to help the school community slow the spread of COVID-19. Please continue to be vigilant by limiting social <u>gatherings</u>, frequently washing hands, and wearing a mask while in public places. As always, **we encourage everyone to continue to monitor for symptoms** such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Stay home if you feel sick and <u>get tested</u> if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individual with COVID-19. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

Communication about this case has been posted to the <u>Northwest Education Services COVID-19 web page</u>, as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). More about COVID-19 Close Contact & Quarantine Information and FAQs <u>are provided here</u>.

If you have concerns about this matter, please contact me directly. We will continue to work to keep our school community safe and keep you informed every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Rena Spencer, Supervisor Northwest Education Services Life Skills Center 231-922-6359