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This information is being provided to clarify information that I shared on December 15, 2020, regarding a COVID-19 quarantine.

In the communication I shared yesterday, I stated that the Bourbon County Health Department had adopted a 7-day or 10-day quarantine for persons exposed to someone who was positive for COVID-19. This information is incorrect. I apologize to the Bourbon County Health Department for sharing inaccurate information. I used the wrong information source in my communications. I want to apologize to our families and staff for sharing incorrect material.

What the Bourbon County Health Department has officially adopted is reducing the quarantine period for exposed persons from 14 days to 10 days. The incubation period for the virus still remains at 14 days.

What this means if you are a person exposed to a COVID-19 positive case while at school:

- High-risk exposure (unmitigated): Your quarantine time will start on the date of last exposure to the positive case. You will quarantine yourself in your home and monitor yourself for symptoms of the virus for 10 days. On the 11th day, as long as you are and have remained symptom/fever free, you may return to school.
- Low-risk exposure (mitigated): This remains the same since updated in October. Families will be notified of the low-risk exposure and given the opportunity to continue to attend school. However, if families choose to quarantine, they will follow the 10-day protocol. Low-risk exposure is a USD 234 decision and not supported by the Bourbon County Health Department. Students and staff are expected to follow the health department's guidelines outside of school.

Again, I apologize for sharing the incorrect information.

Respectfully,

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