



November 8, 2020

Dear Tiny Topper Preschool Families:

The Chardon Local School District is committed to the safety and health of our students and staff. We are working closely with the County Health Department to maintain a safe school environment for our community. Earlier today the District reported two positive cases of COVID-19 at Maple Elementary. Two separate Blackboard email communications were sent regarding this information.

As part of the County Health Department's contact tracing efforts and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services preschool policies, some Maple preschool staff will need to quarantine. This does not necessarily mean your child has been exposed to the virus. At this time we have not been informed of the need for any students to quarantine. If the Lake or Geauga County Health Department contacts you as a part of this investigation, please fully cooperate to ensure the safety and health of our entire community.

The staff quarantine cases have severely impacted the District's ability to maintain regular preschool operations. Due to a lack of staff availability, **beginning Monday, November 9, 2020, the entire preschool will transition to distance learning. No preschool students will physically attend at Maple Elementary from November 9-13. At this time, the remote learning will continue through November 13, 2020. Classes will also be held virtually on Friday.** Teachers will contact you on Monday, November 9, regarding the remote learning schedule and a schedule for pickup of any needed items.

Please note this change only applies to current in-person preschool students. Students in other grade levels will continue with their current instructional model at this time. It is our hope that preschool can return to in-person learning on Monday, November 16. We will send a follow-up communication verifying this by the end of the day Friday, Nov. 13.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate this change in learning platforms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Preschool Supervisor Andrea Ryan at andrea.ryan@chardonschools.org. You can also reach me at linda.elegante@chardonschools.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Elegante
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