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To: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station
New River Families

The 2020-2021 school year is going to be exceptional in many ways as classrooms open their doors against the backdrop of a global pandemic. We understand and share your concerns about the health and safety of your children as they transition back to the learning environment. The school administrators, teachers, and installation preventive health team have put in place appropriate mitigation measures to help contain the spread of the virus. These include screening and mask protocols, social distancing, facility and personal hygiene, and others. You are also integral to these mitigation measures, as you are required to conduct a daily health screening of your children before they enter the school.

Despite our collective efforts to minimize the spread of the coronavirus, please know we will likely see some cases among school staff and students. If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified at the school, our goal is to appropriately care for the patient, contain the virus and minimize the spread of the virus among the rest of the school population. Contact tracing and communication are the keys to successfully containing the virus. The base and local public health authorities and the schools will work closely together. We also ask that you encourage your students to practice appropriate social distancing and mitigation measures before and after school hours.

Contact tracing will be conducted in the event of a positive case to determine if a close contact exposure may have occurred using DoDEA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria. It is also important to understand that because of the mitigation and social distancing measures that are in place within the schools, a positive case in a classroom does not necessarily mean that all students in that classroom will be identified as close contacts. Seating charts and other tools will be used to accurately identify those students and staff members who meet the definition of close contact.

If a confirmed case is identified within a school, the school administrator will notify all families with students attending that facility. Care will be taken to protect the privacy of the individual with the positive test result. This broad notification is for information only and does not indicate to recipients a need for quarantine. The school and public health officials will provide

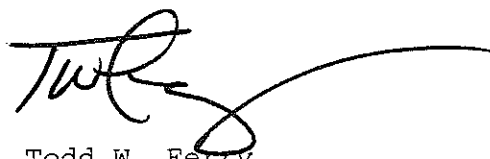
separate and individual notification to those families with a student or staff member that meets the metrics as a close contact. Instructions will be provided to those families on the next steps and associated delays in returning to the class room.

A remote learning capability will be provided for any student who is required to temporarily quarantine due to illness related to COVID-19 or other illnesses.

While it may seem daunting and frustrating at times navigating these uncharted waters you can rest assured we all have the same goal of providing safe, fun, and effective educational opportunities for our children. We pledge to be transparent and open in our communications with you. We ask for your patience in these first weeks of school as our mitigation measures may add additional time to our school processes.

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