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Good evening!

This is Tammie Burnaford, interim superintendent of the Bellefonte Area School District. I apologize for calling so late tonight, but we wanted to make parents and families aware of our situation. This evening, we were notified that an individual at our middle school tested positive for the coronavirus and an unrelated individual at the high school tested positive for the coronavirus. The PA Department of Health was closed for the evening, but we will be in direct contact with the DOH early tomorrow morning. The Dept. of Health will do all contact tracing and notify all persons that need to be contacted. But, out of an abundance of caution, and following the guidelines listed on the Dept. of Health website, we are going to close just the middle and high school buildings tomorrow, so that deep cleaning can occur throughout both buildings for the next three days.

Tomorrow will be a remote learning day for our middle and high school students. Teachers will be reaching out to students through Google Classroom so that teaching and learning can occur tomorrow. All four elementary schools will remain open tomorrow, and elementary students should attend, as normal. I am sorry for the inconvenience, and again I'm sorry for the late notice. Please know the health and safety of our students and staff are our first priority. I will provide follow up information for parents and families tomorrow and throughout the weekend, as necessary. Thank you for your continued patience and support!