



### **Happy Valentine's Day!**

Today's email includes a short note about the COVID case count and updated information about our recurring phone system issues in the district.

### **COVID Case Count Updates**

Since Friday, we received notification of just 1 new positive case in the district as follows:

- We received notification that a Marion-Walker Elementary student tested positive for COVID last week. The student was in school while infectious, but the timelines have passed for contact tracing. There were no students identified as close contacts.

### **District Phone Issues**

Last week, our district phone system experienced issues with connectivity. If you attempted to call any of our schools or the administrative offices and were not able to get through, we are very sorry. We understand your concerns and frustrations. Our Tech team has been working tirelessly with our provider to find a solution for the connectivity issues. They worked all weekend on the issues and continue to closely monitor the situation. As of this morning, the issues seemed to be addressed, and the phones seem to be working OK. Hopefully, these problems will not recur or continue into this week. However, if the problems persist this week and you attempt to call a school and get a busy signal, please continue to call until you can get through, or for more immediate assistance, please email the building secretary, principal or the person you are trying to reach. We will be closely monitoring email when the phone system is experiencing difficulties. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

As a reminder, there is no school for students this Friday, Feb. 18th or on Monday, Feb. 21st. Barring any breaking news, I'll send my next update or a brief email on Friday, as usual. As always, thank you so very much for your continued support, patience and understanding through these very challenging times. **I hope you have a sweet Valentine's Day and a great week ahead!**

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