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Dr. Anne-Marie Sladewski
Executive Director

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Dear Macomb Academy students, guardians, and caregivers,

As we end the second week of school, I appreciate your understanding as adjustments were made to the return to Macomb Academy date for in-person instruction and learning. Students are adjusting well and enjoying the weekly themes and project-based learning.

My number one priority remains the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff. I have prudently and cautiously made decisions about bringing back students and staff, considering all the factors necessary to uphold my priority for the well-being of one and all.

On Tuesday I received information that a Macomb Academy staff member tested positive for COVID-19 after being in the building last week. Currently, Macomb Academy is in quarantine and staff members were encouraged to contact their medical provider for the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Macomb County Health Department, which includes quarantining for a defined period of time.

As you know, I have delayed the return of students for two weeks from the original start date for in-person instruction and learning due to changes in staff. I continue to work on securing staff. Although not fully staffed, we are able to provide instruction remotely.

Given these unique circumstances facing Macomb Academy, and with the interest of students and staff in mind, I have made the difficult decision to delay the start of in-person instruction and learning at Macomb Academy. I realize this may be disappointing news to you. It was a difficult decision to make. My intention is to follow the safety protocols dictated by the Macomb County Health Department, and bring back staff first at the end of the quarantine period to provide virtual instruction from the building. I will make the decision to have students return as soon as it is wise and makes sense to have them in the building, and Macomb Academy is fully staffed.

It is important to me to not keep you on hold waiting for the next return date for in-person

instruction and learning. I am letting you know that I am extending learning while at home. We may remain with remote instruction and learning while at home for all Macomb Academy students for the remainder of the first marking period, which ends on November 6, 2020. I sincerely desire to get students back in the building for in-person instruction and learning before that date. I will keep you informed as we move forward, and you can count on me to provide you with a two-week notice regarding the start date for in-person instruction and learning.

I will make personal calls to those of you who have elected to return to school for in-person instruction and learning so that I can answer any questions you have. Please feel free to contact me if you receive this letter prior to my call.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne-Marie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "M".

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