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Dear Alvord School Community,

These are unprecedented times. The Alvord Unified School District is working diligently to ensure the safety of its employees, students, and families and is regularly communicating with other agencies as we address the COVID-19 situation. I want to clarify some misinformation and dispel some rumors circulating regarding an employee who recently tested positive for COVID-19.

First and foremost, the District is grateful for the outpouring of support for the employee and that the employee is doing well and is expected to make a full recovery.

On the afternoon of March 17, 2020, District administrators sent the employee home because he reported not feeling well and appeared ill. On March 18, 2020, health and medical officials tested the individual for COVID-19. Medical officials also excused him from work.

Please be assured that prior to the test administration, the District did not require the employee to provide services to the District when the employee reported feeling ill. Prior to the test administration, the District followed the advice of the employee's doctors. The District has excused the employee from duty since the afternoon of March 17, 2020. The District wishes the employee a swift recovery.

At all times, the District has worked closely with the Riverside County Department of Health to address this situation. The District has closely followed the advice and recommendation of the Riverside County Public Health Officer. As stated in our prior communication, the employee had limited contact with others and as such, the Riverside County Public Health Officer has informed us that his risk to the public is low. District employees who had direct contact with the employee are being evaluated by health officials. At this time, these employees have not shown symptoms of COVID-19.

The employee who tested positive and the other employees who were tested have a right to privacy and the District is obligated to honor those rights. Consequently, the District may not disclose the identity of the employee who tested positive and/or the other individuals who were tested. We request that the community respects the rights of the employees as well.

Finally, the District urges the community to continue to respect the requests of state and federal health and government officials. We encourage the community to engage in social distancing to help eliminate the risk of COVID-19 so that we may resume our "normal" operations as soon as possible. We are confident that our community can and will come together to support each other during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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