Dear Westminster Public Schools Families and Staff,

On Monday, September 14, 2020, Josephine Hodgkins Leadership Academy was notified that a student at the school was "presumptively positive" for COVID-19, meaning we have a strong suspicion that the unidentified student will ultimately test positive. We are awaiting final confirmation from the Tri-County Health Department.

As a result of this information, 14 students and two teachers who were in the classroom with this student will transition to remote learning until they return to their school building on Monday, September 28. Those individual families have been contacted and advised of the next steps involved in monitoring their health and continue their education from home.

It is important to remember that even when a student or staff member goes into quarantine, the risk of them actually becoming infected by COVID-19 from their classroom exposure is generally low. You may recall that during the first week of school more than 100 Hodgkins students were placed into quarantine, but none of those students or staff members ever tested positive for Coronavirus.

Our bio-security plan is working as designed, but it relies on students, parents and staff to practice the 3 W's of WPS when away from school and in social situations.

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

As always, thanks for your patience and cooperation. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

-WPS Communications