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Dear BOCES Community,

On Saturday, September 11th, we were informed that one student in the Welding program (AM) at OAOC tested positive for COVID-19. We have consulted with the Otsego County Department of Health regarding this case. Two students are in quarantine as a result of the exposure and can return on September 21st. The class will continue with in-person instruction.

As always, the safety and health of our students and staff are the top priority. We continue to work to support our students, families, and employees during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation. What we are learning through these experiences with positive cases and potential positive cases is the importance of our health protocols such as wearing masks and maintaining physical distance. These protocols are making a difference and limiting exposure. Good hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing remain important steps we all can take to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit or call the health department in your county of residence. For example, if you live in:

Otsego County: https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health_department/covid19.php

Delaware County: <http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/>

Schoharie County: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/departments/public-health/>

Greene County: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health/>

If you or a family member is exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), please do not go to the emergency room or your healthcare provider without first calling for further guidance.

We know this time may be stressful for employees, students, and families. If you feel the need to talk to someone, New York State has established a new Mental Health hotline at 1-844-863-9314. Employees have access to resources provided by BOCES from the Employee Assistance Program. The confidential hotline is 1-800-252-4555.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine Huber'.

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