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Dear Pattonville families and staff,

You may have heard by now that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), St. Louis University and Washington University to study the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in U.S. schools. Pattonville will join other schools in Missouri to partner with CDC, St. Louis University and Washington University staff on this project, which will help assess our COVID-19 prevention strategies. The project involves in-depth COVID-19 case and contact investigations of students and staff on a voluntary basis. As part of the project, saliva-based testing may be offered to some students and staff who have been identified as close contacts beginning Dec. 7. Participation is entirely voluntary, and all health information remains confidential.

Because Pattonville has put a number of health and safety measures in place to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools, the number of positive cases in our schools has been relatively low. Participating in this project will provide us more information on the impact of our mitigation strategies as we seek to meet our students academic and social-emotional needs in a safe environment.

Sincerely,
Tim Pecoraro, Ed.D.
Superintendent