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**Pickens County Schools
Important Information regarding COVID-19**

Our school district is committed to keeping our community informed about issues relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are no cases of COVID-19 at any Pickens County school.

You are probably aware of yesterday's news report that an employee of the Canton Waffle House has tested positive for COVID-19. On March 1st, a 4th grade paraprofessional at Harmony Elementary School ate at this Waffle House. The paraprofessional is not showing any signs of the virus, and we do not know if the infected employee was in the building at the same time as the paraprofessional. We thought it prudent for the paraprofessional to self-quarantine for the remaining days of the incubation period, and we thought it important to share this information with you.

Our school district remains in close contact with local, district, and state health officials and is monitoring this situation very closely. We will continue to follow the authorities' recommendations on how to proceed and will keep you informed if there are developments that impact our schools.

Again, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 at Harmony Elementary or in any Pickens County school.

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