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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today Sterling Elementary went into a "Soft Lockdown" (locked classroom doors, no hallway traffic, and no playground) due to a new type of cell phone scam. The caller claimed to have kidnapped a parent's child. The caller wanted the parent to go to the bank and withdrawal money to pay the ransom. The caller even had a child in the background playing the role of the "kidnapped" child.

Sterling staff and the Warrensburg Police Department did an outstanding job of ensuring that the child was safe in his classroom and handled this situation just as their preparation had taught them. The safety of our students is paramount and we wanted to make sure you were aware of this scam.

We were also notified of 3 additional confirmed positive COVID-19 cases within the District today, specifically 1 at Ridge View Elementary, 1 at Martin Warren Elementary, and 1 at Warrensburg High School. As a reminder, the identity of those who test positive cannot be released due to privacy rights.

Based upon the Johnson County Community Health Guidelines that define Close Contact as any individual who was within six (6) feet or less for an accumulative time of fifteen (15) minutes or more, we have 1 classroom at Ridge View and 1 classroom at Martin Warren as well as some close contacts at the high school under quarantine.

As always, our main goal as a District is to do everything we can to ensure the safety and health of our students and staff. If you should have any questions or feedback, please contact Mr. Brian Wishard, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at 660-747-7823 or bwishard@warrensburgr6.org.

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