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FCS Coronavirus Update 4:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 9, Fulton County Schools was notified by the Fulton County Department of Health that an employee was diagnosed with coronavirus, otherwise known as COVID-19. This employee is a teacher at Bear Creek Middle School and Woodland Middle School in the cities of Fairburn and East Point, respectively.

The employee felt ill on Friday, March 6, and was subsequently admitted to a local hospital. Fulton County Schools is not sharing which hospital and can not legally disclose the employee's health condition. The school district is in the process of providing the Department of Health with a list of students and staff members that the employee may have had contact with so that health department staff can follow up.

Based on concerns of possible exposure, the schools were immediately dismissed today and all students and staff were sent home. Creekside High School also has been closed due to its close proximity to Bear Creek Middle School and the sharing of several staff members between the schools. A number of families also have students who attend both schools.

Tomorrow, March 10, the entire school system – all FCS schools and administrative offices – will be closed. This allows for cleaning and disinfection of all schools as well as for district officials to conduct a risk assessment for the entire school system. A decision about the length of the closing and next steps will be announced tomorrow by 5 p.m.

The district will continue to post updates on its COVID-19 website at www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus and will communicate additional information with families and employees as it becomes available.

Meanwhile, Fulton County Schools asks that all stakeholders – students, employees, parents and community members – follow COVID-19 guidance as emphasized by local, state and national health care providers.

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 93,500 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton, and Union City.

