

**HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Hatch Valley Public Schools Parents, Students and Staff,

In an effort to keep our parents, staff and community informed, I want to share that Hatch Valley Public Schools has been notified a staff member who works at Rio Grande Elementary has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

The staff member is currently self-quarantining at home, and as of today's date, is not displaying any symptoms of the virus. Other staff members who were in contact with this individual have been notified so they may monitor their health in consultation with their medical provider.

Rio Grande Elementary School will be closed for normal operations through Thursday, September 10 so the school may be deeply sanitized.

In the interests of the health and safety of our entire community, employees are required to adhere to state and district safety measures and follow the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines and recommendations that include screening all employees before entering the building, wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, and following good hygiene practices.

In closing, it is imperative that we be sensitive and understanding of those that have been directly impacted by the virus, and that we all continue to work together to ensure our community members remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Chávez

Superintendent of Schools