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Health Officer/Deputy Director

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Dear Parent or Guardian of David Weir Elementary School Student:

It has come to our attention that a person associated with David Weir Elementary School has recently been identified as having active tuberculosis (TB). Solano County Public Health, the administration from Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District and David Weir Elementary School are working together to identify students and staff who have been potentially exposed, as well as those who have not been exposed. To get infected with TB usually requires long periods of close indoor contact with a person with active TB. All parents/guardians will be notified of your child's TB exposure status in the next couple of days and if he/she needs free testing for the TB germ.

Based on the analysis of this case, medical experts at Solano Public Health have determined that the risk of getting TB in this particular case is very low. Still, efforts to test those who may have had contact with the TB germ are important to protect staff and students at David Weir and to stop any potential spread of TB.

A person with active TB disease can spread TB germs through the air to those who frequently share the same air. The most common way to become infected with TB germs is by spending a lot of time in enclosed spaces with a person who has active TB disease. TB is rarely spread to persons who spend a small amount of time with someone who has active TB disease. Please read the enclosed TB Fact Sheet to learn more about TB and how it is spread.

We understand that this notification may cause concern and questions. We are working quickly and thoroughly to gather accurate information. There will be an informational meeting, with question and answer periods, for students, parents, school staff and the public. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 at 5 pm at David Weir multipurpose room at 1975 Pennsylvania Ave, Fairfield. Information will be available in both English and Spanish. If you have an urgent need, you may call the Solano County TB Program at 707-784-8076.

Sincerely,

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