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Some upper school students from Hawken, Laurel, Lawrence, and University schools attended the AIPAC Conference in Washington, D.C. last week. Yesterday, we learned that a member of the delegation who traveled to and from the conference on the bus with area students has tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health has advised that any child on the bus be self-quarantined for 14 days and monitored for symptoms. All students and families have complied with this request, and faculty members are working with those students remotely to see them through their coursework. In addition, our schools have redoubled housekeeping efforts on campus in terms of protocols, processes, and products and have emphasized the need for vigilance on the part of our students.

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Because the health and well-being of our students and employees remains our highest priority, the guidance we receive from local public health officials informs our decisions and interventions. We are continuing to monitor our campuses and are in consultation with our peer schools regarding best practices for the safety of our students.

The four schools that have been impacted to date are currently coordinating on communications that will go out to families later today with regard to canceling large gatherings and non-essential travel.

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Founded in 1915, Hawken School is an independent, nonsectarian, coed day school of 1,300 students, toddler through grade 12, located on two campuses in the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, a campus on Cleveland’s west side, and an additional urban extension center located in University Circle. In August of 2020, Hawken will open The Mastery School of Hawken, which will take Hawken’s experiential, problem-based programming to scale in the heart of Cleveland. A nationally recognized leader in innovative