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Dear Parents and Families of Sullivan Central Students:

It has come to our attention that an individual at Sullivan Central High School has recently been identified as having active tuberculosis (TB). The Sullivan County Health Department and the Sullivan County Department of Education are currently investigating the situation and can confirm there is no ongoing exposure at Sullivan Central. While the Tennessee Department of Health describes the risk as "minimal"; we want to provide our students, families and staff population with information as questions may arise.

TB is rarely spread to persons who spend a small amount of time with an active case of TB. Please read the enclosed CDC TB/fact sheet to learn more about tuberculosis. There is no risk of transmission from surfaces, handshake, clothing, restroom or classroom facilities at Sullivan Central.

The Sullivan County Health Department and the Sullivan County Department of Education will host an informational meeting for any parent, family or student who would like to listen to medical professionals expound on this topic. There will also be time for questions. This meeting will be held at the Sullivan County Department of Education Board Room on Monday, September 25th at 6:30pm. It is our desire to be available to respond to your questions by phone as well. Please feel free to call the Sullivan County Health Department at 423-279-2777 during the following times: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm.

If it is determined that your child needs to be tested for the TB germ, you will be contacted by the Sullivan County Health Department.

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