

Fairview Audition Sides
"FRANCIS EMERIN"

INT. NURSE'S OFFICE - NIGHT

The nurse shows Don and Francis the positive results of a student's Covid test. The student's name is Marcus.

FRANCIS

How could this have happened?
Right under our noses.

DON

What are the chances of this being
a false positive?

NURSE

I double checked. We had them in
for a second test.

FRANCIS

After all the measures we took. I
cannot believe this.

DON

Francis. I need to tell you
something...I just don't know how
to say it.

Francis looks at Don, worried.

Don composes himself.

DON

We had a big test today. Worth a
quarter of the students grades. It
was cumulative. And when Marcus
came in, I took the temperature,
like always...And I saw he had a
fever...I let him take the test
anyways.

FRANCIS

Oh no. Don. Don. How?

DON

I knew he studied. If the test was
postponed for him, I would've had
to give him all new questions so
he couldn't cheat. I didn't want
to risk it.

FRANCIS

No, you just thought it better to risk the health of all your other students! Over one kid, and his grade!

DON

I'm sorry.

FRANCIS

You should be sorry!

Don closes his eyes and takes a deep breath.

FRANCIS

Nurse, how soon would we know if Marcus infected anyone else?

NURSE

It varies. It could be a few days, it could be a week. Some students may not even show symptoms. The damage is done.

FRANCIS

We'll have to shut down. Until further notice...Don.

DON

I know.

FRANCIS

You're going to have to tell the kids.

DON

I know.

FRANCIS

That they were exposed in your class.

These words are like a knife stabbing Don in the chest.

DON

I know.

FRANCIS

Thank you, nurse. We're done here.

NURSE

Yes, sir.

DON

I'm sorry.

FRANCIS

It's too late for sorries, Don.
You heard the nurse. The damage is
done.

DON

(weakly)

I'm sorry, Francis. I should have
known better.