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Dr. Kerry Parker
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Dear NMPS Families and Staff:

I have been in contact with the New Milford Director of Health, Michael Crespan, and I'm writing today to provide you with the latest information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [Connecticut Department of Public Health](#) (DPH) regarding the possibility of the Coronavirus (COVID-19 virus) becoming a threat to Connecticut and New Milford. The DPH currently states **there are no confirmed cases in Connecticut at this time.**

As you know, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed. The CDC website [Prevention and Treatment](#) has a list of important prevention measures that we thought were important to review. They include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

We continue to thoroughly clean our schools each night following a Green Cleaning Program (CT Public Act 09-81). We use certified green cleaning products which have the same effectiveness as Lysol and other household products. The chemical sprayers we use each night are no exception. They do a great job at killing viruses, bacteria, and other germs (including MERSA). Here is a link to the product we use [EvaClean Infection Prevention System](#).

At this point, I am receiving weekly updates from the Commissioner of Education and I will continue to keep you informed as I have information to share. As always, I encourage you to keep your children home when they are sick and to consult a doctor. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt Paul", written in a cursive style.

Superintendent