March 6, 2020

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians:

Re: COVID-19

The purpose of this letter is to advise that the school district is taking precautions, as much as it can, to prevent the coronavirus from spreading within our schools should it hit our community. We are hoping that this will put your minds at ease a little.

We have been dealing with the normal influenza for some time now and that situation is constantly monitored by staff. With the onset of the coronavirus, we have been, and will continue to be, in contact with local health officials regarding the situation. The District currently has plans in place and will be refining those plans a little better next week with local and county officials. In addition, during the week of Spring Break, the district will be conducting a deep clean to thoroughly disinfect the district and wipes will be in all classrooms following Spring Break and we will be asking all students to wipe down their areas before leaving for the day. If your child has an allergy to products such as this, we would ask that you have a discussion about that with your child and your child’s teacher.

While there is still a lot of unknowns about the coronavirus, it is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another or by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes. In addition to the steps being taken by the District, we would ask you to share some steps with your children that can be beneficial in preventing the spreading of this virus, or any other virus, which can include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
• Stay home when you are sick. This is the only way to keep from spreading illness to others.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/.

Sincerely,

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