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Dear Parents and Families,

You have likely seen a lot of recent media attention on the coronavirus. The following information is provided to help prevent the transmission and spread of coronavirus.

The virus, like many other illnesses including the flu, is spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) via coughing or sneezing. The same good health habits that prevent other viruses like the flu, also prevent the spread of coronavirus and decrease the risk of getting sick:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, with 60% alcohol, if soap and water are not available.
- Cough into a tissue or your elbow (not your hand), then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Keep students home if they are running a temperature or they report not feeling well or appear weak or ill.
- Consult your healthcare provider if you or your child have health conditions that put you at increased risk.

We are working closely with the State Department of Education and the Department of Health for guidance to prepare for and prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

We are committed to keeping you informed and working with you to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,

Toby L. Ringwald

Superintendent of Schools