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Dear Gananda families,

I'm writing to share information regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its impact on the Gananda District.

At this time, it is very important to note that we are not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 related to anyone associated with the Gananda District.

Our District administrative team, under the direction of the Wayne County Public Health, continues to closely monitor all developments related to COVID-19. We will follow the recommendations and guidance provided by the local and regional Departments of Health and the New York State Education Department. We will also work closely with additional regional and federal partners as necessary.

While Gananda does not have a confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within its school community, the district has implemented many proactive cleaning and safety measures. For now, the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your children is to follow the standard preventive practices for influenza. There are several steps that students, staff and community members can take to mitigate the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the New York State Department of Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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.

At this time, experts and the Departments of Health have not recommended that the district cancel or reschedule classes or other school events. If the guidance from the Departments of Health changes, we will notify you immediately via email.

As of 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020, Monroe County has one active case with no known community exposure. Monroe County Public Health has advised that people think carefully before attending any event that may have more than 50 people attending. That advice has not been given by Wayne County Public Health yet, as we have no known cases. This situation is

fluid however and I recommend that you continue to monitor the following websites for the best and most accurate information.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

<https://web.co.wayne.ny.us/index.php/publichealth/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

More information about COVID-19 is available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health websites. We are preparing to meet the needs of our students and staff in the event the virus impacts our community by following our district pandemic policy which we already have in place. We appreciate your support of our District and will share more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn Van Scoy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "V".

Shawn Van Scoy
Superintendent of Schools