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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and wellness of our students is always our top priority. I wanted to provide an update in regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our school district is closely monitoring the situation via resources shared by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). Yesterday, Mr. Fazzio and I participated in a phone call briefing for school administrators from New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, New Jersey Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Lamont Repollet, NJDOH Commissioner Judith Persichilli, and other key members of the medical community. The message shared in that phone briefing as well as the information provided online outline the same general information. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the virus in New Jersey. We are being encouraged to use our time now to prepare and take basic preventative measures in our schools.

Similar to dealing with other flu and viruses, the following list of recommended precautions provides helpful guidelines to help prevent the spread of illness.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Keep your children home when they are sick.
- Avoid people who are sick.
- Get a flu shot – it's not too late to be protected.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and objects.

Please know that our district is being proactive in our approach with additional daily cleaning of surfaces and additional hand washing integrated into the school day for all students. All students are being requested to thoroughly wash their hands prior to eating lunch or snack items. Additionally, teachers are being encouraged to add additional hand washing opportunities in the day for all students.

At this time we are monitoring the situation daily and will be reevaluating our approach as necessary to support the health and wellness of our students as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Cenatiempo