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Dear Rivendell Community,

As many of you are aware, we as a district are faced with the challenges of dealing with the COVID-19 virus and the impact that it might have on our annual school meeting. We think it's both important to stay calm and keep things in perspective as well as to do our best to stay healthy. At this time, we are not dealing with any active cases within our district, but with every passing day it seems as though it could be a real possibility. With the annual school budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th we are trying to determine the best course of action to keep people safe while maintaining their right to vote from the floor as our articles of agreement state.

Currently, we are committed to our usual process with enhanced awareness around recommended safety procedures from the CDC. We will reassess this evolving situation daily between now and the end of the week. Here are the current daily recommendations for schools to implement which are consistent with how to minimize the spread of infectious disease at a large meeting.

Person-to-person spread of the virus is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Much is still unknown about how the virus spreads. Take these everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs:

- 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.

We will do our best to provide a safe and responsible environment that follows these recommendations and are considering additional safety measures. We will keep you informed as the week progresses and encourage you to contact Superintendent Barrett Williams with any questions or concerns you might have.

Best regards,

Members of the Rivendell Interstate School Board

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