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Dear Spartan Families:

I'm reaching out because you have likely been hearing concerning reports in the news regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Currently, there are no confirmed cases in the State of Michigan. We will continue to monitor the situation, maintain contact with the Lapeer County Health Department, and follow the guidance of our local, state, and federal health agencies in order to keep our school community informed and healthy.

The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. We encourage parents to consult a healthcare professional should your child have these symptoms. As is our common recommendation, any child with a heavy cough, vomiting, and/or fever should stay home from school. A child should be fever free, without requiring fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

At this time, it is important to note that the risk to the general public in Michigan and to our school community remains low. Even so, using a number of common sense precautions can help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including Coronavirus, colds and flu. In this regard, health officials recommend that individuals take the following preventative actions:

- Wash 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 unavailable.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or upper sleeve (elbow) when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with others.

Our staff will be working with students to encourage these simple and effective habits. We will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces thoroughly in all of our buildings and on our buses. We will also continue to monitor the development of COVID-19 and plan accordingly in partnership with local, state and federal health officials, should any additional action be required. If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call your healthcare provider or consult the Center for Disease Control website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html for more information.

Sincerely,

or Stu Cameron

