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Dear Riverview Families,

This letter serves to provide an update regarding the District's plans around COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The District continues to monitor official updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD). At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in our community or Western Pennsylvania.

Riverview continues to take preventative measures to proactively address this pandemic at our schools, and by extension, our community. Disinfectant products continue to be used to clean and disinfect school surfaces. We continue to educate and remind staff and students about the importance of handwashing, hygiene recommendations, and staying home when they feel ill.

We are also seeking family assistance. Our families can help us by encouraging everyone to be mindful of key preventative measures. The CDC offers <u>tips on its website</u> that can be useful in avoiding the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

If your student is sick, they should not be at school, regardless of their symptoms. If your student is exhibiting symptoms of any illness at school, they will be checked by the school nurse and may be sent home. The student should not return to school until the parent/guardian has consulted with a medical professional and communicated this information to the school nurse. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

The following provides additional updates:

## **Learning Plan:**

In the event that our schools must close, a plan is in place to provide for the continuation of education for your child at home. More details of the plan will be communicated, and resources will be provided to students and parents, should the plan require activation. The plan includes the distribution of teacher provided independent lessons/assignments. It will also require that students take home all textbooks. We encourage students to clean out their lockers now and take home any items that are not needed at school.

If school is closed, District administration will continue to be on call to provide ongoing communication, updates, and support for students. Please be aware that the state has not yet determined if make up days will be required, however, the District is putting measures in place to be as proactive as possible to accommodate for this potential need.

**Upcoming Student Trips and Large Events** 

Riverview will continue to seek guidance from the Allegheny County Health Department regarding upcoming large events and student trips and will review specific situations as COVID-19 information is provided by official sources. The Model UN Italy trip, originally scheduled for a small group of students, has been cancelled.

## **Preventative Measures related to Travel**

Please take the time to review the <u>Travel Information provided on the CDC website</u>. Individuals who have traveled from Level 3 countries, including China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea, within the last 14 days are asked to not enter any school facilities. Individuals who are exhibiting symptoms to include coughing, fever, or shortness of breath are not permitted to enter the building. Individuals who are entering the building must be fever-free for 24-hours without medication. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100°F [37.8°C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

## **Additional Resources:**

The following resources are being provided to assist you as we work through this situation together as a school community:

- Information on how to talk to your child about the Coronavirus
- Information for Allegheny County Residents
- Official information from the CDC
- District Webpage; <u>www.rsd.k12.pa.us</u>

Thank you for your continued support.

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