



Martin Public Schools

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Greetings Parents/Guardians and Community Members of Martin,

The outbreak of the Coronavirus has many Americans on high alert. Therefore, I am attaching two factual informational pieces: one from the Michigan Department of Education and one from the Licensing and Regulatory Agency (LARA). These are for you to gather more information regarding the Coronavirus itself and things you can do to combat the spread of the virus. Most of this is the same protocol as if it was the norovirus (flu).

We will be taking extra precautions here at Martin Public Schools to do more thorough cleaning on a daily basis. As of right now, we will keep classes in session and keep things "normal" as best we can. School will not be in session if attendance drops below 75%, because the state considers this a non-countable school day. We will keep you apprised of steps being taken within the county and the district to make sure this does not reach an epidemic.

Governor Whitmer has declared a "State of Emergency" in Michigan with two confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We will continue to make decisions regarding the health and welfare of our students based upon facts and recommendations from our local, State and National health experts.

The key to containment is still good hygiene! Just remember to do the following:

- **Stay home if you are sick and advise others to do the same.**
- **Always cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.**

As always, the safety and well-being of our students, your young people, are of the utmost importance. We will continue to keep you posted on any new developments. It's a great day to be a Clipper!

Educationally Yours,

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Superintendent

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