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Dear Panther Community,

We are reaching out to you with valuable information concerning reports in the news about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you are aware, information regarding COVID-19 (formally known as Novel Coronavirus 2019) is changing by the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) remain our best resources for accurate and update information.

WCHD confirmed that there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Michigan at present. Across the country, the risk for community spread of COVID-19 continues to be monitored closely. While the CDC has not yet provided formal guidance for schools to prepare for a potential community outbreak, WCHD and other local health departments have emergency preparedness systems ready to be activated if an outbreak occurs in Michigan.

Current general recommendations from the CDC, MDHHS, and WCHD for reducing the risk of infection from cold and flu-like viruses include:

- Thoroughly washing hands for at least 20 seconds
- Using hand sanitizer when washing hands when soap and water are not available
- Disinfecting surfaces
- Covering noses and mouths with a tissue or cloth when sneezing
- Staying away from sick people, and staying home if you are sick

Our neighbors, the Washtenaw County Health Department created a helpful visual, the "Coronavirus Preparedness Sheet". It can be found here: [Coronavirus Preparedness Sheet](#) and information and updates from State and National officials can also be found at:

☑ Michigan updates: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

☑ National updates: www.cdc.gov/nCoV

The health and safety of our entire school community and community-at-large is of great importance to us all! We ask for your patience as a lot of information (both fact and fiction) moves rapidly. We will continue to monitor this closely and provide all important updates.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent