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Dear Buhler Families:

With the increased concern with the COVID-19 virus and with Spring Break coming up next week, we are sending out some guidelines for you to consider. Many of you will be traveling inside the United States and some outside the country. I have been in contact with the County Health Department and with state officials. At this time, they do not have any restrictions regarding student travel as it is deemed a local decision.

There are many precautions a person can take to minimize the chances of contracting the virus. Please refer to the News Story on our district web page. There are several links from various agencies that can assist you.

As of today, all school sponsored student trips are taking place as scheduled. That could change at any time so make sure you stay connected to emails and USD #313's social media. We will be using both to communicate any changes. As always, it is parental judgement as to whether you decide if your student attends. Please communicate any decision changes with the activity sponsor.

As far as USD #313 facility use during spring break, all non-school sponsored events will be suspended so that our maintenance/custodial staff may focus on disinfecting and deep cleaning buses and facilities. School events such as sports practices will continue as scheduled unless altered by activity coaches.

Any changes in USD #313 school closing will be dictated by the Reno County Health Department and/or the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. As you know, the situation has been changing rapidly so please stay connected to our social media presence. The district leadership team has been working on specifics if closures are directed by the state or county.

Respectfully,

Michael R. Berblinger

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