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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know there has been a great deal of news coverage regarding the Coronavirus. The district continues to monitor this situation closely. This morning our administration and cabinet met with Chief Read and Supervisor Siller. I also was involved on a conference call with the Department of Health. As of 1:00 PM today, there still is only one confirmed case in Suffolk County. In both our cabinet meeting and on the conference call, the theme was the same: **remain calm** while taking certain precautions.

The district has made a few decisions:

- Wednesday's field trip to New York City will take place as scheduled. The Suffolk County Department of Health assured me that it is perfectly safe for our students to go.
- Administration held a grades Pre-K – 6 informational meeting for students during 9th period today. We will also have an informational meeting for grades 7-12 tomorrow during 9th period.
- Our maintenance crew has been authorized for more hours to perform additional cleanings of door knobs, railings, etc. The building will also be disinfected with the Clorox Total 360 Disinfectant Sprayer each night.
- On **Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm, in the Gymnasium** we will hold an informational night for all parents to attend. We will give an overview of what the virus is, what the school is doing, and take any questions that you might have.
- While extremely unlikely and out of an abundance of precaution and preparedness, administration will be meeting with teachers after school on Tuesday and Thursday to discuss potential ways to teach our students should our building be unable to open on a particular day.

The most effective things we can do is encourage thorough hand-washing, avoid touching our faces, covering our mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, and staying home when we are sick. Should you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian Doelger, Ed.D.

Superintendent/Principal

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