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**Pete Newman, Superintendent**

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Michigan Department of Health has confirmed that two Michigan residents have tested **presumptive positive** for coronavirus. In response to the news, Governor Whitmer held a news conference and declared a public health emergency for our state. The Governor indicated the state is prepared to take actions to limit the spread of the virus.

Tuscola County School Districts continue to monitor the coronavirus situation, and take precautionary measures to keep our schools and communities safe. It is expected we will see more cases of the coronavirus in Michigan, and while we want our parents, students, and staff to be aware, we don't want to create an unnecessary panic.

The Tuscola County Superintendents met today with Ann Hepfer from the Tuscola Health Department to discuss prevention plans for the coronavirus and to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance along with various other public agencies to stay updated on the status and spread of the coronavirus.

In light of the above, Tuscola County School Districts will implement the following for the safety of our students, staff, and community:

- Postpone extracurricular events in alignment with recommendations from State and Federal Agencies
- Promote good hygiene and cleaning practices to our students
- Provide timely and frequent updates on the school's website

Please know that we are doing everything conceivable to keep your kids safe. Since mid-February we have been using the UVC Cleaning System in all of our schools, effectively eradicating virus-causing germs in our classroom. In addition to the UVC Cleaning System, we have added another layer of protection with a special product called "BIOSHIELD", which provides an additional 90 days of germ-fighting protection on all surfaces.

We care about your kids and our teachers, and we'll do everything we can to keep them healthy.

Thanks for your patience during these challenging times.

We Are Caro!  
And We CAN!!!

Pete Newman, Superintendent