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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the school district's measures in response to the 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Please be assured that the district is actively monitoring all COVID-19 updates and is following all guidance from U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Cortland County Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

Our district is aware of the dangers associated with COVID-19 and is partnering with the County Health Department to be proactive in our planning and preparedness and to ensure practices within our school promote healthy habits. The district has been doing extra cleaning and disinfecting in our buildings to control the potential spread of viruses. Additionally, we are regularly disinfecting district busses and large gathering areas.

Like the flu or common cold, symptoms of the Coronavirus can include fever, cough, trouble breathing and shortness of breath. There are no current vaccines to protect against the virus, however there are preventative measures students, staff and family members can take to help minimize its potential spread. These include, but are not limited to:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid sharing cups, water bottles, food, utensils and other similar items.

We will continue to emphasize healthy behaviors with our students to promote a healthy environment and will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated. Any cancellations of activities or events will be posted to our website and will be highlighted on our social media sites. For the most up to date information on COVID-19, we encourage you to review the CDC website.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stone
Superintendent of Schools