



## PRESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Preston Public Schools Staff, Students, and Families:

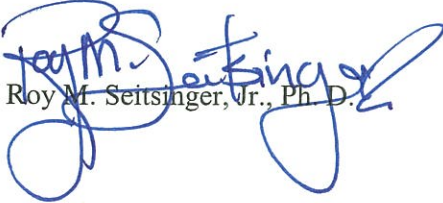
The widespread media coverage of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the recommended response to any concerns has led to several actions in our district. To keep the best interests of safety and public health in mind, we offer the following information:

- We post updated information on our webpage and on the Preston Panthers Superintendent's Group Facebook Page. We will also send letters such as this one home to keep you informed. Should expedited action be necessary that affects the entire district, additional messaging through Blackboard Connect, text, and phone will be utilized.
- We continue to stay in constant contact with the Town of Preston, the UNCAS Health Director; Patrick R. McCormack, and the State Connecticut on the flu epidemic and the coronavirus.
- The UNCAS Health District sends us regular updates on this matter to ensure that our practices are consistent with the region. These updates are also shared through CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) and CAPSS (Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents).
- Our School Nurses and administration closely monitor absences daily, and our School Nurse Coordinator communicates with our contracted district physician.
- Our Administrative Team, Nurse Coordinator, Director of Facilities, have reviewed our emergency plan, in the event we have to respond to an epidemic. Once again, at this time, there has not been a need to enact the components of this plan.
- Our Custodial Staff, in addition to their normal cleaning schedules, have taken extra precautions with additional disinfectant during this time.
- Our Bus Garage has instituted, along with the daily cleaning of the buses, extra precautions with extra disinfection during this period.
- On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a coordinated meeting hosted by our area Health Director. Should any of the above information be changed, we will issue an update. Should the Governor or other authority declare a public health emergency we will repeat the declaration through our communication systems.

The intent of this correspondence is to provide you with an update of the steps we have taken to this point. We have no concerns to report at this time. Parents and guardians who would like to research extra preventative steps, we encourage you to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>.

Thank you for your calm and thoughtful attention to this matter. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call Central Office at 860-889-6098.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

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