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Dear Parents,

As you know, New York and Long Island, specifically, now face the challenge of maintaining calm and reason while implementing proactive precautions and best health practices in order to address COVID 19.

Here are some facts:

- Our custodial staff have been involved in daily sanitizing protocols all winter long as part of our aggressive approach to minimizing infection during flu season. The cleaning product that we use is a safe and effective green product that also kills the novel coronavirus.
- In addition to daily sanitizing, we have also implemented deep cleaning that has taken place after-school and on Saturdays. The Saturday cleaning effort will continue on a regular basis.
- Cleaning focuses on high-touch areas: classroom desks and chairs, lunchroom tables and chairs, door handles and push plates, handrails; kitchen and bathroom faucets; light switches, handles on equipment (e.g., athletic equipment), buttons on vending machines and elevators, classroom and office telephones, computer keyboards, touch screens, computer mice, etc. Note, however, these are not the only areas.
- We are using best public health practices outlined by federal, state, and local Departments of Health AND we are open to learning about new ones in real time.

Perhaps most importantly, the following steps are being taken throughout the day to help prevent spread of COVID-19:

Hand washing hygiene

- Before eating;
- After sneezing, coughing, or nose blowing;
- After using the restroom;
- Before handling food;
- After touching or cleaning surfaces that may be contaminated; and
- After using shared equipment like computer keyboards and mice.

Respiratory hygiene

- Covering coughs and sneezes with tissues or the inside corner of elbow (if tissues are unavailable)
- Disposing of soiled tissues immediately after use.

In addition, we continue to educate students, faculty and staff about these practices as well as about the facts we have.

Dr. Eisenstein, the Director of Health for Nassau County, continues to say the risk of our contracting COVID 19 is very low. Nevertheless, we continue to be proactive.

I will continue to keep you informed.