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Dear CCPS Families and Students:

This letter is a follow up to our community notification and robo-call from yesterday. On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, a reported case of Coronavirus/COVID-19 was confirmed in Hanover County. The individual who is carrying the virus is a teenager who lives in Hanover County, but is a homeschooled student who traveled outside of Virginia. The student is contained at their home has had no contact with any public school or community facility. We continue to work with the Chickahominy Health District to ensure that we receive current information and updates as they are released.

Social media pages have been bristling with concerns throughout our community; however, this is not a Charles City student, nor does the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Chickahominy Health District believe that the case presents a threat to our community. Their best advice is to continue with the recommendations that we released in a letter to our community and families last week to wash hands frequently, cover coughs, monitor your child's current state of health and disinfect surfaces as necessary to prevent any infection or risk of infection. Remember, if you child has a fever over 100.4, please do not send them to school unless they are fever free for at least 24 hours without the assistance of any Tylenol or ibuprofen product.

As an extra layer of precaution, all student travel and field trips that have been scheduled outside of the school division will be cancelled or rescheduled/postponed, as appropriate, until after our Spring Break. This will allow us time to continue monitoring all information and updates that we are receiving and prevent further risk of exposure of our students to any public facilities and environments that might present a risk to their health.

We will continue to monitor this and other situations as they are confirmed. At present, there were also two additional confirmed cases in Virginia Beach that were added to Virginia's caseload last evening. Please remain vigilant and regular with all sanitizing and handwashing efforts as we move forward. If you have any concerns or questions, please be sure to contact our School Nurse, Sheila Wooden, or your building administrator.

Thank you for your partnership and continued work with our efforts to maintain good student health.

Sincerely,



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Division Superintendent