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Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members:

Yesterday, I spoke with the Nassau County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, regarding guidelines for responding to growing concerns about the Coronavirus known as COVID-19. He informed me that there are no confirmed cases in New York State.

The Commissioner has also assured school officials that there is no reason for us to change any of our activities. We should, of course, be using practices that promote a healthy environment. According to Dr. Eisenstein the same practices that help prevent the spread of colds and flu will work for the Coronavirus. Custodial staff will continue to regularly clean classrooms and common areas. In addition, we are reminding everyone of the preventive guidelines, established by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC), that we use in school and encourage everyone to follow at home:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers when 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 and do not return to work or school until you have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash; if tissues aren't available, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.


You can obtain more information from relevant sources including the *United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC)* and *New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)*. New York State has also established a Q&A Coronavirus phone number, 888-364-3065.

The Nassau County Health Department will keep us informed as more information becomes available.

Finally, please keep your child at home if your child is not feeling well and contact your medical doctor for advice and treatment, if necessary.

As information emerges, I will continue to keep you updated. The health and safety of our scholars and community are our highest priorities.

Very Truly Yours,


Dr. William K. Lloyd
Superintendent of Schools