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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to inform you of the School District's plan for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19). We continue to closely monitor the latest Coronavirus information and are regularly communicating with the Allegheny County Health Department.

Two video conferences have been scheduled to help school districts with their Coronavirus Plan:

- Today, a video conference was held at 11am with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for all 42 superintendents in Allegheny County;
- Tomorrow at 9am, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera, will hold a video conference for all superintendents in the Commonwealth. We hope to have a lot of questions answered during this video conference. We have not yet been approved to use virtual instruction days if we need to cancel school for an extended period of time.

Elizabeth Forward School District has put together the following steps for the **next two days**:

- External organizations will not be permitted to use EFSD facilities, fields and grounds.
- All fields trips have been cancelled.
- The District will only permit essential visitors to our schools.
- All district non-essential large group activities and gatherings will be postponed.

After we listen to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education's video conference tomorrow, we will provide a formal letter detailing our plan for the next several weeks.

The district will continue to follow the recommendations from the CDC, which are the same ones that everyone should practice during flu season:

- Wash hands frequently;
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or by using your sleeve or elbow;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Stay home when sick and don't return to school for at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of medication.

Students and staff safety remains our primary concern and responsibility!

We encourage and highly recommend parents to report to their school nurse if their child has a confirmed case of the flu. This will help us track viral infections and to better target our sanitizing efforts.

For additional information concerning coronavirus, please see the CDC and ACHD guidelines at the links below:

Guidance from CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

Cases in the United States:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

2019-nCoV and Children:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

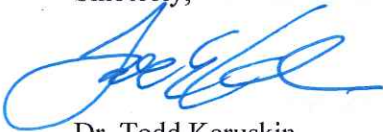
Guidance from ACHD (Also references CDC):

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/Data-and-Reporting/Infectious-Disease-Epidemiology/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

The school district will continue to monitor the situation and will send updates with additional information as it becomes available.

Please visit www.efsd.net for updated information.

Sincerely,



Dr. Todd Keruskin

Superintendent of Schools