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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to share an important message about the coronavirus (COVID-19). Elizabeth Forward School District officials have been in contact with the Allegheny County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the CDC and we will continue to closely monitor the situation and follow all recommendations/guidelines. Please know that our custodial staff follow best practices in regard to daily cleaning to ensure that our schools remain safe and healthy for our students and staff.

We are asking parents to help in the effort to minimize the spread of this type of virus by having your family 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.

In addition, the school district is following recommendations from the CDC to daily clean areas and equipment frequently touched by students and staff. We are also switching to a new cleaning solution recommended by our supplier for viruses. We will be adding extra hand sanitation dispensers in our cafeterias and posting directions for proper hand washing throughout the school district.

We also encourage 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.

If we do experience COVID-19 cases, we will take our direction from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department regarding any potential decisions regarding school closures.

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:

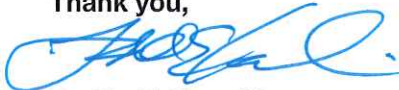
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Guidance from ACHD (Also references CDC):

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

We will continue to monitor the situation and will send updates and additional information as needed. In everything we do, the safety of our students and staff is our top concern.

Thank you,



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