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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our district is actively monitoring the latest information on the outbreak of the 2019 Novel (new) coronavirus, COVID-19, and we are in daily contact with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the New York State and Suffolk County Departments of Health. While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community, there have been 105 cases in New York State and one diagnosis in Suffolk County.

We recently participated in a regional meeting with the Suffolk County Department of Health, and have been cautiously advised to prepare for the possibility of school closings. If that were to occur, additional information will be communicated immediately through the district's mass communication system (email, text, and phone), as well as the website, and social media.

The health and safety of our students and staff are paramount, and we want to assure you that we are working to determine all options moving forward. Public health officials will alert and guide us regarding any medically documented diagnosis.

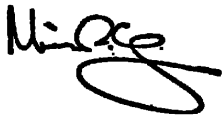
Our custodial staff has increased the frequency of disinfecting high-traffic areas, including doorknobs, water fountains, railings, desktops, common areas, bathrooms and hallways with hospital-grade germicidal solutions. Additionally, the maintenance department is following deep-cleaning protocols in all buildings based on the recommendations of the departments of health and the CDC.

We also encourage parents to help prevent the spread of any potential illnesses using these steps outlined by the CDC:

- Please remind your child to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and washing their hands after use.
- Encourage children not to touch their eyes, nose, or mouth.
- When possible, avoid people who are sick. If someone is sick in your household, stay home, and consult your healthcare provider.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces or objects.
- Contact your building principal if your child exhibits and flu-like symptoms.

We will continue to work closely with public health officials and will follow their expert recommendations to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Lonergan". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr. Michael R. Lonergan
Superintendent of Schools

