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Dear Parents,

As media outlets cover cases of the coronavirus in China, Italy, Iran, and the United States, Caddo's schools and sites are increasingly fielding questions regarding ways to anticipate and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. As is the case with all health-related events, we are working in close partnership with local, state and national agencies including the Caddo Health Department, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please know that as of today there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Louisiana or the surrounding area. This is a rapidly changing situation and one we are monitoring closely.

Practicing good hygiene can help limit the spread of viruses in our schools. This particular virus may live on surfaces such as desks and doorknobs. As a proactive safeguard, custodial staff will continue to regularly clean classrooms and common areas with appropriate antibacterial/antiviral products.

The currently recommended precautions to avoid exposure to the virus are the same precautions you would take to avoid the flu. Please review the following recommendations from the CDC:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Stay home when you are sick and do not return to work or school until you have been fever- and symptom-free without the use of fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash; if tissues aren't available, cough into the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Our district will update you as more information is made available.

Sincerely,

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