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Dear Interboro School District Community,

By now, I am sure you have heard that there is a confirmed case of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in Delaware County. Interboro is taking all precautionary measures to address the potential outbreak in our schools. We have been following the recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and additional updates provided by the PA Department of Education. My hope is the information below helps alleviate some fears and present the facts as we know them so you are comfortable sending your child(ren) to school.

What has the Interboro School District been doing?

- **Facilities:** The Facilities Department has a large inventory of cleaning and disinfectant products on hand to deal with the routine and any increased needs due to viral outbreaks. The custodial staff is trained annually on proper cleaning and safe hygiene practices in our schools. During heightened flu & cold seasonal outbreaks, notices are posted to instruct our staff to increase efforts above our normal routines. Disinfection is a critical part of the daily cleaning effort in schools and therefore the disinfection process is a number one priority during periods of virus outbreaks, especially. The Facilities Department utilizes a single cleaner/ disinfectant product throughout the District. This contact spray disinfectant process is 100% effective in sanitizing and protecting our staff, students and visitors.
- **Transportation:** Our busses are being wiped down daily. This process includes seats, handles, doors.
- **Nurses:** Our nurses have received information from the PA Department of Health regarding symptoms of the virus. We have asked our nurses to be hyper-vigilant in looking for these symptoms when they see students.

What are we asking of our students?

Our students play an important role in keeping our community healthy; therefore, we are asking them to assist in the following ways:

- **Hand washing:** Students should be washing their hands regularly. The CDC has continued to promote proper hand washing as a viable defense against the spread of the coronavirus. Students should also refrain from putting their hands in their mouth.
- **Cover their mouths:** When coughing or sneezing, students should cover their mouth with their elbow, they should not use their hands as this can help to spread the virus.

- **Report when they are not feeling well:** Talk to your student about the symptoms of the Coronavirus, which can include a fever, cough, and shortness of breath. These symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

What can you do at home?

We are requesting support from our families by reinforcing the following:

- **Promote hand washing:** Make proper hand washing a priority in your household.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK, KEEP THEM AT HOME:** We cannot reinforce this enough. It is imperative for the safety of our students and staff, if your child is experiencing any of the symptoms listed earlier, they should remain HOME. Additionally, if your child:
 - is experiencing flu-like symptoms or has been diagnosed with a contagious illness of any kind, please keep your child at home and follow the procedures outlined in the attendance section of your child's school handbook.
 - or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, do not send your child to school. *Please make us aware of this test result immediately.*

Also attached is the District's Pandemic Action Plan. It is a framework to guide our response as the coronavirus pandemic continues to evolve.

The plan has four levels of response: monitoring, limiting, postponing and closing. We are currently in the **monitoring** phase (preventative education campaign, considering postponing field trips to affected areas, etc.).

The decision to move to the next phase will be made in coordination with our local and state health agencies. Should we need to move to the next phase, I will email you with those details.

We will continue to monitor the Coronavirus and its impact on our State, County, and more importantly, our School Community. We will update our families with new information received from the CDC or the PA Department of Health and continue to provide updates to families as needed.

We have also posted information on our website for parents to read.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact my office or your child's school if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Bernadette C. Reiley
Superintendent of Schools

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