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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

The safety, health, and well-being of our students and staff is a top priority for Hanover Township Public Schools. As many of you know, recent media coverage has given significant attention to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). According to the CDC, "While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part of to help us respond to this emerging public health threat."

While there are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in our surrounding area, we have policies in place to guide us through these types of circumstances. District Policy #8451 – Control of Communicable Disease, outlines clear procedures and steps that we follow in any infectious situation. Although these protocols are in place, we recognize this could be an unprecedented situation which may call for additional collaboration and compliance with directives from the New Jersey Department of Education as well as state and local health departments.

We will continue to disinfect our classrooms and devote extra attention to areas where students gather and interact. We are also encouraging all students to wash their hands regularly and would ask parents/guardians to remind their children to practice proper hygiene. Our school nurses will continue to monitor student and staff absences daily and report all instances of influenza or flu-like symptoms to our local health department. We ask that you monitor your child's health, and should there be a concern regarding the presentation of symptoms, please contact your physician or healthcare provider immediately.

Additional information and valuable resources regarding the Novel Coronavirus can be found by clicking on the following links:

- New Jersey Department of Health: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>
- Center for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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