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Dear Students, Staff and Families,

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The health and safety of our students is our top priority, so we want to share with you information that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and, in accordance with Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has published for schools throughout the state. These agencies are actively updating their guidance as authorities learn more about the virus and the impact in this state. The good news at this time is that the health risk to the general public from Coronavirus remains low. Currently, the IDPH and ISBE recommend schools hold classes and events as usual, and follow routine cleaning and disinfecting procedures; no special measures are necessary at this time.

The IDPH also recommends the best way to protect against Coronavirus is by taking the same everyday precautions against getting sick in general. These include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information please see the Illinois Department of Public Health website titled "Information for Illinois K-12 Schools Regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus".

We will continue to work with our local department of public health to closely monitor recommendations regarding Coronavirus and will update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community healthy.

Best Regards,

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