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Dear Novi Community School District Stakeholder,

As news coverage of the Novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has increased I have received some parental and staff inquiries asking what the Novi Community School District is doing to keep our students and staff safe. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

In our schools, we are ensuring that our custodial staff is cleaning and disinfecting our schools. We are taking extra care to clean surfaces like desk tops and door knobs.

Families and students who return from China will not be allowed to return to school until 14 days after they have left China. This fits with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation. At this time this is the only country on which the CDC is placing this restriction. If the CDC changes their recommendation we will modify our practice.

We are urging all families and staff to help us by following simple, yet effective strategies:

- Remain at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.

We are working with our school nurse, the Oakland County Health Department, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that we stay up-to-date and engage in best practice.

Together we will navigate through this concern. If this issue escalates we will communicate clearly on the Novi Community School District response so that we can continue to keep all of our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

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