

**February 26, 2020**

**Greenwich Public Schools: Coronavirus Information**

GPS Parents,

On Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a statement that school districts should be proactive in preparation should the Coronavirus begin to spread in the United States. We want to assure you that we work closely with our Town of Greenwich Health Department, State of Connecticut Health Department, taking guidance and direction from those agencies, and the CDC, who keep school districts informed. We are well coordinated with emergency planning, and will work with these various agencies should there be any potential disruption to school schedules. We want to be proactive in our communication to reassure you that we are thinking about the basic components of pandemic planning as encouraged by the CT Department of Health and CDC.

We are also monitoring local field trips, out of state trips, and overseas study travels planned for our GPS students should the CDC issue any domestic or international travel warnings, where our students would be traveling.

Right now, our flu cases are down in GPS, and our February Break was a welcome opportunity to thoroughly clean our buildings. We are grateful to our facilities staff who work hard to keep our buildings clean!

Please reinforce with students the need to wash hands thoroughly, cover their mouths when coughing, and please keep children home when they are not feeling well.

We will continue to keep you informed as we hear any updates.

Thank you,  
Dr. Toni Jones  
Superintendent, Greenwich Public Schools