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Dear School Community Members,

As the COVID-19 virus continues to evolve and develop in the United States, we would like to share with our community the activities that the school district has in place to mitigate the potential threat to our staff and students. At the forefront of our focus are the protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control, along with State and local health authorities. We trust in the medical professionals' advice on matters for which they have been explicitly trained. The precautions listed below are indicated as best practices for the prevention of spreading illness and taken directly from the Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>).

As a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

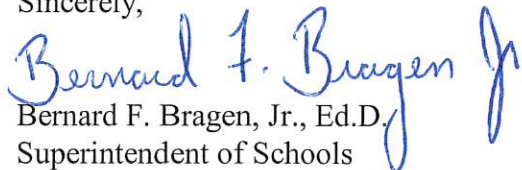
In addition to the practices listed above, the school district is enhancing our school and classroom cleaning practices to include additional cleansers as well as increased frequency of desk and surface sanitation. The central office administrative team is also meeting regularly to review updates and proactively plan for potential scenarios as this situation evolves, including virtual class sessions should the need arise.

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If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or healthcare provider, or tune to Edison School Network **Channel 118**. Information is also available from the following:

- District Website: www.edison.k12.nj.us
- Edison Department of Health & Human Resources: 732-248-7290 www.edisonnj.org
- Middlesex County Public Health Department: 732-745-3101
www.co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth
- The American Red Cross: www.redcross.org
- Federal Government: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Sincerely,

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