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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Seaford UFSD administrative team has been working diligently to plan for the evolving situation pertaining to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Be assured at this time, we have not been informed by the Department of Health of any student or staff member in the Seaford School District who has tested positive for COVID-19. Please keep in mind that this could change at any time, and if I am made aware of a confirmed case, the District will follow the protocols from the Department of Health which can include closing schools.

As stated in my prior letter, the New York State Education Department and New York State Department of Health provided guidance that if a confirmed case exists for a student or staff member the school will close for 24-hours in order to provide time for deep cleaning and to determine if a longer closure is warranted. This guidance document indicated that closure decisions will be made in collaboration with the Department of Health. Please know that if school closings become necessary, we will contact you through our automated communication system (Shout Point). Below you will find some of the proactive measures we are taking to address this situation:

Cancellation of All School Activities:

Our goal is to minimize the potential for exposure to COVID-19. Acting with an abundance of caution, we have cancelled all field trips, after school activities and the use of school facilities by outside groups that have been scheduled from Friday, March 13th through Sunday, April 19th. **Please note that the SCOPE morning and after school programs will continue to operate.** Section VIII Athletics has cancelled the remainder of the Middle School Winter II season. At this point in time, high school sports are also cancelled from Friday, March 13th through Monday, March 16th and an update will be provided at the beginning of next week. We will continue to assess and adjust our plans as circumstances arise. It is our sincere hope that some of the cancelled activities can be rescheduled for later in the school year.

Cleaning and disinfecting of facilities:

We will continue to rigorously clean and sanitize all buildings. Working with our outside transportation contractors, we have reviewed their protocols to ensure that our buses are properly cleaned. In addition, we continue to implement disinfecting cleaning measures in all district kitchens, including all food and non-food related surfaces.

Planning for continuity of instruction:

The District has been working to plan for the continuity of instruction in the event of an extended closure. Educational resources are being prepared and will be available to students through their teachers via the internet. Please let your child's teacher know if you are not able to access the internet from your home.

I wish to thank the staff, students and our community for their continued support during these challenging times. The District will continue to share information with our community as it becomes available. As always, the health and safety of students, staff and families remains our priority.

Sincerely,

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