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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Given the recent developments in reference to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Seaford School District is discussing the potential impact on our school community. We are in the process of proactively developing a plan in case schools may need to be closed. Currently, there are no reported cases in the Seaford School District.

Understanding the importance of communicating with parents, I am sharing with you that earlier today the New York Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) released a guidance document for schools detailing appropriate protocols regarding COVID-19. Please know that if there is an identified case of COVID-19 in our schools, the NYSDOH requires an initial 24-hour closure. According to the guidance document:

“When a student or staff member attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case, New York State Department of Health requires an initial 24-hour closure, in order to begin an investigation to determine the contacts that the individual may have had within the school environment. That investigation will inform the plan determined by the local department of health as to any further required closure, or other necessary precautions to take for specific classrooms, or for specific individuals. Such plan must recommend actions for future positive COVID-19 cases as well.”

Also, in the guidance document were the following CDC fact sheets and resources to help students and families understand COVID-19 and the steps that they can take to protect themselves:

What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

Coronavirus disease 2019 and children:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Keeping our children, faculty, staff and families safe is our primary goal. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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