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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members:

Growing concern regarding the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) seems to be prominent in the news. I wanted to reach out to you regarding the actions that the Hopewell School District is taking in regard to this issue.

Our school district is in communication with the New Jersey Department of Education and Cumberland County Department of Health to monitor the latest information being provided by these agencies and to make decisions regarding the best preventative steps to take concerning school buildings and the health of students and staff. We are taking proactive measures in regard to the virus, following guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to disinfect our building. In addition, our school nurse is a wonderful resource for information.

We ask for the assistance of staff and parents (and your children) in these recommended ways to help stop the spread of the flu (as we would in any year) and other viruses:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick or when you are sick.
- Stay home when sick. General guidelines are that students and staff should not return to school until they are fever free, without medication to reduce fever, for twenty four hours.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly - at least twenty seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

We are reassessing our school cleaning protocols to further minimize the risk of spreading illnesses. In our building we will continue our daily sanitizing routines, especially on frequently touched surfaces (like door handles), to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The district has also recently reviewed our policies and related protocols regarding contagious diseases.

The Hopewell School District will continue to monitor information and guidance from the CDC, the Cumberland County Health Department, and the New Jersey Department of Education to determine the best steps to take in our school should we experience issues with COVID-19 or any other infectious disease. We will do our very best to communicate with all families and to provide updates on this situation.

The New Jersey State Department of Health has also activated a free, 24-hour health line where trained healthcare professionals are ready to answer questions regarding COVID-19: 1-800-222-1222. Additional information about COVID-19 "Coronavirus Factsheet", issued by the CDC, accompanies this message.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lammersen