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Dear Springfield Local Schools Parents, Guardians and Staff:

The safety and well-being of our school community is our number one priority. As a district, we are actively monitoring information related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are taking precautions and reviewing procedures to ensure that we are prepared to respond in the event that our area is affected.

We are currently receiving regular updates from Local, State and Federal agencies regarding COVID-19, as well as working with district healthcare consultants. As information and resources become available, we will post them to our website at www.springfieldspartans.org/wellness

Common surfaces are being regularly disinfected in the school buildings to help prevent the spread of illness. We will continue to keep staff up to date with the latest strategies and resources available to clean and disinfect the school environment, as well as encouraging proper hand washing and personal hygiene for all our school community and visitors.

What can families do at this time?

- Keep your student home when they are sick. If possible, keep your student home from errands and activities when they are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. If your child has a fever greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees, seek appropriate medical attention and keep students home until they are fever free for 24 hours (current healthcare recommendations). Fever free means the child has been without fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Advil for at least 24 hours. Any child suspected to be sick while at school will be assessed in our school clinics and, if determined to be sick, will be sent home.
- Continue to report your child's absences in a timely fashion with the school office.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Remind your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds. Washing hands often under clean, running water can help break the chain of infection and the spread of germs. Singing the "Happy Birthday" song twice will help ensure you have reached 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one concern. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation with health officials, respond appropriately and provide important updates to our community.

Sincerely,



Chuck Sincere
Superintendent