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Dear NHCS Parents and Guardians,

Currently, the State of Michigan has no confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. However, the State, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan Department of Education (MDE) continues to monitor and coordinate response with agencies, such as public school districts.

In a recent Memo from MDE, the following was reported, "At this time, the health risk to the general public of Michigan from COVID-19 remains low, but schools and public libraries can take commonsense precautions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Person-to-person spread of COVID-19 appears to spread via respiratory transmission. Symptoms are similar to those of influenza (e.g., fever, cough, and shortness of breath)."

These precautions are listed below and have been shared with NHCS staff:

- Remain at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.
- Separate sick students and staff from others until they can go home.

We will continue to work with our custodial team to ensure that routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces occurs in our schools. Our custodians were directed to use the time during winter break to complete a thorough cleaning of district facilities.. This included bringing in additional equipment that is used to disinfect large public spaces.

I am scheduled to attend a meeting this week with local health officials to learn more about COVID-19 and will follow up on any and all precautionary measures that are communicated during this meeting.

NHCS remains committed to the safety and well-being of students and staff. I will continue to share information about COVID-19 as it becomes available.

With Rocket Pride,
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