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Dear Families and Community,

Hazel Park Schools are deeply committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. We continue to follow the CDC and Oakland County Health Department guidance and recommendations regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, as COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation.

As you may be aware, two cases of the Coronavirus have been discovered in Oakland and Wayne counties. Our cabinet and district leadership team have already been discussing our plan on what we would do if we need to close school, and we are continuing these sessions today. During these meetings we are running alternative scenarios to our school schedule for learning and discussing potential meal distribution. We will update you as our plan advances.

In the meantime, schools in the Hazel Park District are taking extra precautions starting with hanging cleanliness reminder posters in the schools and bathrooms. We are increasing disinfection in our buildings by our maintenance and operations staff taking extra care in cleaning surfaces, such as desktops and doorknobs. Our restrooms are cleaned daily in all buildings.

We are relieved that last year we had purchased the “Clorox 360” cleaning device which we have been rotating through the schools. These electrostatic sprayers deliver sanitizing spray to surfaces quickly and efficiently. Sprayers can cover 18,000 square feet per hour, making it easy to quickly disinfect the most populated sections of our buildings quickly and safely in the evening when students and staff are not present. The spray kills 99.9% of bacteria in five seconds and kills cold and flu viruses, MRSA, and norovirus in two minutes or less. It also sanitizes soft surfaces and inhibits the growth of mold and mildew.

Simple everyday actions you can take to help prevent the spread of flu and other common illnesses can also help prevent the spread of coronaviruses. We want to remind families that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are the same as preventing the cold and flu, and include:
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough with a tissue or sneeze into your arm
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick and keep kids home for at least 24 hours after illness.

The safety, health, and well-being of our students, staff and school community will, as always, continue to be our priority. We will continue monitoring the development of COVID-19 and plan accordingly in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials.

If you would like to learn more about COVID-19, please visit oakgov.com/health, michigan.gov/coronavirus, or cdc.gov/coronavirus. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your healthcare provider or reach out to Oakland County Nurse on Call at 1-800-848-5533, from 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

With Students in Mind,

Dr. Amy Kruppe
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