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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The health of our students, staff and families is always a top priority. The New Providence School District is closely monitoring all updates regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health. Please note that at this time, there have been no cases of COVID-19 reported in New Jersey.

The district does have an Influenza Pandemic Preparedness/Management plan in place, under the guidance of the Department of Education, and providing for continuity of education in the case of school closure.

We encourage you to utilize all of the recommended precautions for preventing the flu and other viruses as per the Westfield Regional Health Department and school guidelines:

- Prevent the spread of germs by covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue (then properly disposing of the tissue) or sleeve, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers, touching pets, and commonly used surfaces. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Review and follow CDC travel advisories
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and objects.
- Keep your children home when they are sick
- Children should not return to school unless they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.

The following links provide useful, factual information about the current status of COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

Today, the Westfield Regional Health Department contacted us and shared that the New Jersey Department of Health is working on updating school-specific guidelines, which they expect to include parent FAQ's. Updates will be posted to our website as soon as we receive them, and also communicated through email as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our schools safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miceli, Ed.D.".

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