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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, there has been a great deal of concern regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and what steps should be taken moving forward. The purpose of this letter is to share with you some of the steps our school is taking to prevent the spread of illness and to plan for the possible spread of the coronavirus in our community.

Our approach is a multi-stepped:

- We receive regular updates from the PA Department of Health which provides guidance regarding the nature of the coronavirus and best practices.
- We are reinforcing the need to maintain healthy behaviors that minimize the ability to catch or spread any virus. Simple steps such as practicing good hygiene (washing hands thoroughly and covering up coughs/sneezes) and asking anyone who is not feeling well, or is ill, to stay home until they recover. I kindly ask that you reinforce these practices with your child/ren.
- The school is being deep cleaned & disinfected on an ongoing basis.
- I will be working with our faculty and our Principal Advisory Council (PAC), to prepare for providing virtual school days in the event that the Department of Health recommends we close schools for any reason, or if a child needs to remain at home due to illness or fever.

It is important to remember that handling the spread of a serious contagion like the coronavirus is primarily a task for public health agencies. We will monitor closely and follow the recommendation of the Pennsylvania and City Departments of Health.

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of our community. Please continue to look for further communications from me on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Sheetz
Principal