March 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

As media coverage of the coronavirus (COVID-19) increases, we understand that you may have concerns and questions about the health of our students and community. Please know that the Steel Valley School District prioritizes the safety and well-being of our students, staff and families.

The Allegheny County Health Department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been providing regular updates on the progress of the disease through the United States and in our immediate area. While there are currently no reported cases in Allegheny County or southwestern Pennsylvania, two cases have been reported in the eastern part of the commonwealth. If cases arise in our area, we will follow the guidance of public health officials.

We encourage all students, parents and staff to take common sense, everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs, including:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly. Washing hands before every meal or snack and after every trip to the restroom may be the best preventative measure each of us can take.
- Stay at home when you are sick. While attendance at school is important, minimizing our collective exposure to germs is even more important.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your shoulder or sleeve.

For more information about COVID-19, please go to the CDC’s website at www.cdc.gov or to the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s website at www.health.pa.gov. Updates to those websites are being made often.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our community. If you have additional questions, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent