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Dear Parents,

Hudsonville Public Schools continues to monitor the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) developments throughout our country and specifically here in Michigan. At the time of writing this communication, we have been notified that there is one local college student who contacted the Health Center reporting minimal flu-like symptoms. As a precautionary measure, the Ottawa County Department of Public Health gave the directive for the student to be tested and to be isolated. It should be noted that the individual has not been diagnosed with the virus at this point.

Even though we have no confirmed cases in Michigan, we are meeting regularly to discuss the potential impact on our school district and our community if the virus should spread to our area. Hudsonville Public Schools continues to follow the guidance of local, state, and federal health officials concerning coronavirus (COVID-19). Spectrum Health has also provided up-to-date information on their website, I would encourage you to review this information and the prevention measures: spectrumhealth.org/covid19. You can view Michigan specific data for COVID-19 testing at michigan.gov/coronavirus.

I know many of you have plans to travel over spring break. We will continue to seek feedback from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding those that travel and return to our district. While we know these are decisions you will have to make as a family, please know our priority is to keep our district a safe environment for our staff and students. At this point, we have not been instructed by the CDC or the Ottawa County Health Department to alter any school-sponsored trips or events.

We will keep you posted in the coming days and weeks as information regarding this virus evolves rapidly. Our staff continues to remind students about the importance of washing their hands and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze. I want to thank our custodial crew and maintenance staff, as they have incorporated extra efforts to clean our buildings. Also, thank you for discussing the importance of hand-washing with your children.

Sincerely,

Doug VanderJagt, Ph.D.
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