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Dear EGRPS Families:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you information and not to alarm you. I am sure you have seen at least one article regarding the Coronavirus and may have some questions as to what we are doing as a school district. Although there are no confirmed cases in Michigan, we want to assure you that EGRPS is working with the Kent County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to follow the guidelines for the prevention, control, and containment of communicable diseases in schools.

EGRPS has also been working with Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) and other local districts regarding Coronavirus concerns and precautions schools, students, staff, and parents should take regarding the contraction and spread of the disease. The Kent County Health Department has a great website with a number of resources available. Fortunately, the [website resources](#) are fairly robust because most of the precautionary measures for Coronavirus are very similar to those taken to combat the spread of the flu, the common cold, etc.

The Michigan Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, and many other organizations are working closely to provide information and resources for students, parents and staff. EGRPS will not be alone in receiving guidance from these organizations as there will likely be a statewide plan if necessary. In the meantime, we will continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC, MDHHS, and KCHD surrounding communicable diseases and keep you informed as new information becomes available.

As a reminder, the best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold, and the Coronavirus is to:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.

Thank you again for your continuing support of EGRPS.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

