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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to keep our families informed about developments of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Brentwood Borough School District officials have been in contact with the Allegheny County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We will continue to closely monitor the situation and follow the recommended guidelines. With the virus now spreading outside its origins in China, and numerous cases now in the United States, we are taking every precaution to prepare ourselves in the event of a potential outbreak.

The District is following recommendations from the CDC to daily clean areas and equipment frequently touched by students and staff and encourage students to wash hands often. We are asking parents to help in the effort to minimize the spread of this type of virus by having your family follow the recommendations from the CDC, which are the same ones that everyone should practice during flu season:

- Wash hands frequently and for 20 seconds with soap and warm water to destroy any germs.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or by using your sleeve or elbow;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Stay home when sick and don't return to school for at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of medication.

We also encourage parents/guardians to report to the school nurse if their child has a confirmed case of the flu. This will help us track viral infections and to better target our sanitizing efforts.

If we do experience COVID-19 cases, we will take our direction from the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department.

Guidance from CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

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Cases in the United States:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

2019-nCoV and Children:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Guidance from ACHD (Also references CDC):

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Resources/Data-and-Reporting/Infectious-Disease-Epidemiology/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

We will continue to monitor the situation and will send updates and additional information as needed. In everything we do, the safety of our students and staff is our top concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy M Burch', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy M Burch, D.Ed.

Superintendent of the Brentwood Borough School District