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Dear Families,

We are aware and paying close attention to the information surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact this infectious disease may play in our region.

ECS takes guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Allegheny County Health Department, and through the PA Departments of Health & Education. These agencies keep us aware of critical updates, and will support us if we are required to miss school due to a health-related mandate. As you might expect, this would be impacting the entire region, not just ECS, if an outbreak would occur. When emergencies occur, we take special direction from the local and state agencies to take precautions and measures to ensure the safety of students and families.

The circumstances of this particular situation will determine any necessary accommodations to our school day. Presently, no specific mandates have been made, yet we are prepared to respond in any way recommended.

We are monitoring the CDC and PA Department of Health updates regularly. We are likely ahead of the game when it comes to being informed.

Although COVID-19 is an emerging disease and there is more to learn about its transmissibility, severity, and other features, we still promote preventative practices that help keep our community safe:

- The best way to prevent bacteria/virus transmission is washing hands with soap and water frequently, for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer for at least 20 seconds.
- Get into the habit of washing your (and your kids’) hands everytime you come into your home.
- Sanitize surfaces that come in contact with hands on a daily basis.
• Keep your hands away from your face, and the “T-zone” of eyes, nose, and mouth.
• If you or your child is exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, stay at home if possible.

We will continue to share information with the community as needed or as circumstances or recommendations change.

Be Well,

ECS Administration and Nurses