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Dear Parents, Students and Staff Members:

As we all follow the growing numbers of individuals contracting the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are aware of published reports that individuals with the virus have been treated in two local hospitals. Presently, we do not have any individuals in our District 211 schools who have been diagnosed with the Coronavirus.

While we cannot predict the course that the virus might take or the possible degree of its impact, I want to inform you about some of the additional planning we have undertaken.

Township High School District 211 retains four emergency days that we can employ in the event that a short-term school closure may be needed. To plan for the possibility that one or more of our schools may be closed beyond the number of available emergency days, the District 211 Board of Education will hold a public hearing on a proposal to authorize an e-learning program that would enable our staff members to support students' continued learning experiences via electronic means in the event of emergency school closing days related to the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The public hearing will be held at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room, 1750 S. Roselle Road in Palatine.

Our students and our faculty have already integrated individual electronic devices and an electronic learning management system (Schoology) to deliver instruction and coordinate learning assignments. We continue to work with the Regional Office of Education and our faculty to coordinate the specific plans and communications, should this need arise.

We all need to join together and adhere to the following guidelines prescribed by public health officials:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

We will immediately communicate with you about any direct impact in District 211, should it arise.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Cates
Superintendent

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