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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the corona and other virus concerns continue to mount and we are surrounded by constant news and rumors, please be assured that we remain in close contact with the Herkimer County Health Department to coordinate our response and practices.

The district is taking the following proactive steps to minimize any potential sickness:
1. All buses are disinfected at the end of the morning and afternoon runs;
2. Cafeteria tables are disinfected;
3. Cafeteria PIN pads are wiped down;
4. Doorknobs, handrails and other high-contact surfaces are wiped down throughout the day;
5. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building and in gathering places;
6. Teachers will be provided with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for their classrooms;
7. Teachers will be communicating best practices to limit spread of infection to students at each grade level;
8. Nurses will assess sick students and send them home as necessary;
9. Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after each class.

Things that you can do to minimize sickness in your home and at school:
1. Encourage hand washing often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds for all family members;
2. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
4. Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
5. If your child is sick, keep them home. This is crucial;
6. Encourage all family members to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash immediately;
7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The district is continuing to work with our local and state partners to do everything we can to keep our students, staff and community informed and healthy.

Please see the reverse side of this communication for additional information. Should we receive new information from responsible authorities, we will be sending further guidance. For further information, please go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19