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AIA Parents, Guardians, and Families:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information. It's likely you've seen at least one article about COVID-19 - the Coronavirus - and you may be wondering what we are doing as a school district.

As of this morning, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared a state of emergency due to the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Oakland and Wayne counties. The state of Michigan has set up a website specifically for COVID-19 and is found at: Michigan.gov/coronavirus. We are working with the County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to prepare for the possible spread of the disease. MDHHS and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) both have robust resources available on their webpages. We will continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and MDHHS surrounding communicable diseases, and keep you informed as new information becomes available.

It's important that we all take common sense precautions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. As a reminder, the best prevention for viruses such as influenza, the common cold, and COVID-19 is to:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.

Respectfully,

Thomas White
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