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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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While there are no suspected or confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools, I wanted to take a moment to reassure you that we are taking necessary steps to protect our students from illness.

The District is carefully monitoring this rapidly changing situation and is doing everything we can to ensure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information available. Earlier this week, several Saugerties administrators attended a meeting hosted by the Ulster County Department of Health. Health officials discussed the county's expectations for COVID-19 and reviewed response scenarios should the illness be discovered in our community. We also met with our District physician to share information and review our preparedness.

At this point, prevention remains the priority. The District is currently taking several preventative actions, including:

- Stay home if you are sick and do not send your student to school if they are feeling sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneezes with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch objects and surfaces including: cell phones, steering wheel, and gaming consoles.

In each of our school buildings, the Saugerties Central School District is also taking the following steps to keep our students and staff safe:

- Custodial staff is stepping up efforts to clean classrooms and disinfect high-touch areas, including: desks, door knobs, bathrooms, cafeteria and school busses.
- Refilling soap dispensers with an antibacterial soap.
- Posting signs on proper hand washing in all District bathrooms.
- Sharing preventative information with students, parents, and teachers.
- Meeting with department heads regularly to ensure everyone has accurate information and is prepared should we need to take further measures.

I assure you we are committed to communicating with our families, educating about prevention measures, and providing a safe and healthy learning environment.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt