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Dear Canterbury Public Schools Families,

With federal officials warning of the spread of the coronavirus in the U.S., the Canterbury Public School District would like you to know that as in all health-related cases, we are monitoring this situation very closely.

Our custodial staff has been providing deep cleaning to our buildings on a weekly basis during this flu season, which are the same recommendations for cleaning for the coronavirus. Our school nurses track daily illness trends for both students and staff. We also regularly receive guidance and updates from the CDC, the World Health Organization, the State Department of Health, the State Department of Education and the Northeast District Department of Health regarding recommended precautions. In addition, all of our buses will be deep cleaned on a regular basis and our teachers have been provided with disinfectant wipes for their classrooms. We are also participating, along with the first selectman, the emergency management director and EMS, in a town-wide plan to address issues and develop a plan for contingencies connected with coronavirus.

Practicing good hygiene can help to limit the spread of viruses in our schools. The current recommended precautions to avoid exposure to the virus are the same precautions you would take to avoid the flu.

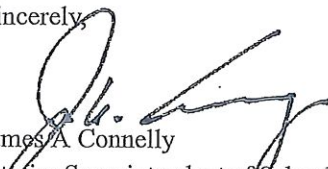
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick and do not return to work or school until you have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours.
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissues in the trash. If tissues aren't available, cough or sneeze into the side of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

You can find more information about coronavirus on the following websites:


www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html
www.nddh.org www.who.int


Please feel free to contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children and our schools healthy.


Sincerely,


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