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Dear Lawrence Community Members:

Recent news reports regarding the Novel Coronavirus have heightened concerns, not only in our school community, but throughout Nassau County. Our school district is taking this situation very seriously. We want to assure our community that we are following all recommendations and regulations of New York State and Nassau County Health Departments, as well as the New York State Education Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our school medical staff.

Nassau County superintendents met yesterday morning with Nassau County's Commissioner of Health, Lawrence Eisenstein, M.D. He reiterated there are NO confirmed cases in New York State or the New York Metropolitan area. Additionally, he informed us that the Nassau County Health Department will notify school districts if there are students or families who should be quarantined. We have received NO notifications regarding quarantine for any students in our district.

As recommended, we continue to emphasize all winter cold and flu protocols, including frequent hand washing; use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers; covering your nose and mouth with a sleeve when coughing or sneezing; insuring our schools are being sanitized regularly. We also remind parents that students who are not feeling well should not be sent to school.

For more information regarding health protocols please visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html, and the New York State Health Department website www.health.ny.gov.

We will continue to keep our community advised as we receive updates.

Sincerely,

Ann Pedersen, Ed.D.
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