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Good Afternoon Unit 1 Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff,

I wanted to again communicate and update you on what the school district is doing in response to the novel Coronavirus or COVID19. I want to assure you that the school district is working very closely with the Crawford and Clark County Health Departments, in addition we are receiving constant updates from Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE), the Center for Disease Control, (CDC) , and Illinois Department of Health, (IDPH).

Working together with the other Crawford County Superintendents at a meeting of area school leaders and health officials at the Unit 2 offices earlier this week we discussed the local communication and contingency planning among health agencies and the schools. The tone throughout this meeting was one of cooperation, collaboration, and communication. Based on our discussions here are some key points I would like to pass on to all of you:

- There are no cases of the virus in Crawford or Clark County or surrounding counties.
- The current course of action recommended for schools remains preventative. These directives have been shared previously but are reprinted for your reference:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand rub.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Avoid close contact with sick people.
 - Practice good health habits. Get plenty of sleep and exercise, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat healthy food.
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
 - **If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine. [This is not only a CDC recommendation but also a policy of the school district] If symptoms persist, call your doctor.**
 - **For even more information on COVID19 visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19**

We will continue to work closely with the Crawford and Clark County Health Departments relying on their expertise and guidance if we have a confirmed case. Although a determination to close based on facts and working in conjunction with our local health officials there may also be a scenario where the decision is out of our, Hutsonville CUSD #1 and our local health officials' hands and we are directed to close. To that end, Hutsonville CUSD #1 met with all faculty and staff this week to discuss educational contingency plans in the event there is a need for us to close or we are directed to close. **It is not our intent to close our doors nor has it been recommended by the local health officials.**

I will be in touch with updates and we will continue to work on education options contingency plans . I appreciate all of you for your diligence and your care and concern for our students' health and safety as well as that of our community. I am completely confident that our local and state health officials will continue to provide regular communication and excellent advice as we move forward.

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