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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

As concerns about the Coronavirus continue to grow, I want to give you an update on how Bridgeport Public Schools are preparing for possible further actions if needed.

Please know that as we do in all health-related cases, we are working closely together and receiving additional information and guidance from the Bridgeport Health Department and the City of Bridgeport Emergency Operations Center. There is an emergency preparedness plan in place. Should the need arise to implement that plan, we have the resources and support and will be ready.

Practicing good hygiene can help to limit the spread of viruses in our schools and keep our students healthy. The virus may live on surfaces such as desks and doorknobs. As a safeguard, custodial staff will continue to regularly clean classrooms and common areas.

Please also review the best practices listed below to help you and your family members avoid this virus and all other viruses:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash

We will continue to closely monitoring this situation and will provide any further updates as we receive them.

Please visit the [CDC Coronavirus webpage](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Testani
Acting Superintendent of Schools