

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Community,

The health and safety of our students and staff are always our top priority. We are continuing to monitor the alerts from the CDC about the possibility of the spread of the Coronavirus within the United States. The CDC has stated that, "While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat."

While there currently are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in New Jersey, we are working with our administration in planning for at home learning should a public health issue arise that would impact attendance in our schools.

We are complying with the ongoing guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Education as well as the New Jersey Department of Health. Our custodial staff provides thorough cleaning and sanitizing at all of our schools, using disinfecting sanitizer in each building every day. Additionally, we are in the process of installing hand sanitizers in public areas in our schools.

This information has been shared before, however, we would like to remind you of the recommended precautions for preventing the flu and other viruses. These practices are your best defense from contracting illness:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Keep your children home when they are sick.
- Children should not return to school unless they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.
- Avoid people who are sick.

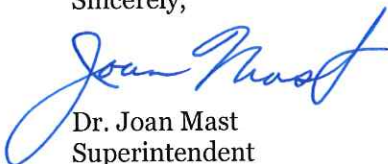
Please refer to the below link for additional information from the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

The New Jersey Department of Health has created a free 24-hour hotline to answer questions related to Coronavirus COVID-19 at 800-222-1222.

We will continue to send updated information as the situation evolves and follow our District Policy #8451 for Control of Communicable Disease.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joan Mast
Superintendent