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Dear St. Louis School Families,

At St. Louis School, we are acutely aware of the concerns in the community about the spread of the new virus called 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This coronavirus can lead to fever, cough and trouble breathing or shortness of breath.

Currently, our school nurse continues to work with Pittsford's medical director, Monroe County Department of Health (MCDOH) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) along with guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and New York State Education Department (NYSED). Our school nurse follows guidelines to screen students who present with illness and history of travel. Contacts to the MCDOH will be made for any situations that may develop. Our school staff continues to strongly encourage thorough and frequent handwashing. Our custodial staff continue to follow the cleaning protocols for our school buildings.

The NYSDOH recommends the following ways to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains a least 60% alcohol 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 mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

In compliance with the Pittsford School District, we are currently creating a plan for the continuation of instruction in the very unlikely event that our school should need to close for a period of time.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. We will remain vigilant in our practices, and we will stay informed to support a healthy and safe environment.

Blessings,

Fran Barr
Principal