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Dear Parents and Guardians of District 115 Students,

The administration at Whiteside School District 115 is closely monitoring the constantly evolving situation involving the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid - 19) worldwide as well as within the State of Illinois and the St.Louis Metro-East area. I wanted to share with all stakeholders that we receive constant updates and guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as well as information from the county health department regarding local statuses.

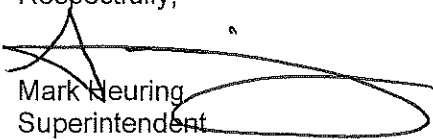
The health and safety of our students are of the utmost importance to the Whiteside School District. District 115 has already started working on additional efforts with our custodial staff to increase the disinfection of our facilities. We continue with our regular cleaning routines but have added additional high student contact surface areas.

The Center for Disease Control continues to advocate for prevention to help stop the spread of the virus. District 115 would like to share and emphasize the following:

- Seek medical care in the event you are experiencing such symptoms like a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. Please follow the advice of your health care professionals and care instructions.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Along with avoiding touching your face without washing your hands.
- Cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Try to maintain a recommended distance of 3-6 feet away from another person who might be sneezing or coughing.
- When available please use an alcohol-based hand rub or sanitizer if you are unable to wash your hands.
- More information can be found at the following website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

District 115 is reviewing all scenarios in the event that the coronavirus is diagnosed in our local community. While we hope that schools can remain open and learning to continue as planned. We also realize that there is the possibility of school closures by way of local decisions, the health department, or state leaders. As we continue to navigate the ever-changing situation, we will share more information as it is available. Our goal is to continue to the education process and hold classes as usual for the remainder of the school year.

Respectfully,


Mark Heuring
Superintendent