

March 12, 2020

Dear Millersburg Area School District Staff and Families:

The situation with the COVID-19 coronavirus is rapidly changing. It is important for the District to maintain open communication with you regarding our ongoing measures to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our students, staff and community. We are aware of the heightened anxiety and concern that is present in and around our community regarding COVID-19. Many of us are parents ourselves and we take our responsibility to care for the safety and well-being of our students very seriously. Please know that we understand and respect the concerns of our families and we will continue to base our decisions on facts, while working in consultation with our local and state experts.

We will continue to monitor guidance as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These experts have all advised us that our best defense is to control personal transmission through good hygiene, proper handwashing, and staying home when sick. They have also shared that coronavirus (COVID-19) is transmitted like the common flu virus and that symptoms often include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

It is important to note that, as of the date and time of this email, there are no presumed or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Millersburg Area School District or Dauphin County.

The District is currently reviewing all school related field trips, extra-curricular trips, and athletics/arts events on a case by case basis. We have not made the decision to unilaterally cancel field trips or events, but we will continue to re-evaluate this evolving situation.

The District believes that a thoughtful and prudent approach is best as we stand committed to supporting public safety without unnecessary disruptions or panic. We will continue to provide regular updates as we work closely with federal, state, and local agencies and health officials. All official District updates and information regarding COVID-19 will be sent to you via our SchoolMessenger platform by email or phone. In order to protect the integrity of these communications, District updates will not be distributed via social media platforms such as Twitter or Facebook. The District encourages you to exercise caution and remain vigilant regarding the source and accuracy of information you may encounter on social media. Additional "COVID-19 Coronavirus Resources" are posted at www.mlbgd.k12.pa.us under the "Headlines" section of our website.

The health and safety of our community is a shared responsibility and one that we take very seriously. As always, I appreciate your patience and support as we move forward together during this current challenge.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haupt

Superintendent of Schools