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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, throughout the past week there has been an increasing concern in the country about a possible spread of the Coronavirus. Nassau County Health Department officials have assured us that there have not been any identified cases in our region and thus no reason to alter our regular operations. Nonetheless, the Port Washington School District has been proactively monitoring the virus and is in close communication with the health department.

The health and safety of our students, staff and community are the District's foremost priorities, and we strongly encourage everyone to follow basic hygiene and flu prevention practices. As it does regularly, the District will continue flu season protocols for building cleaning and personal hygiene. The District also works diligently to remind students and staff of proper and frequent handwashing and essential hygiene concepts—such as covering a cough/sneeze—to prevent the spread of germs and maintain a healthy learning environment.

If you would like more information about the Coronavirus, please visit the United States Center for Disease Control website: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. The latest regional updates can be found on the New York State Department of Health website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/>. It is important to note that, according to the local, state and federal health officials, the immediate health risk to the general American public is considered low at this time.

Should you have any questions about the District's health protocols and procedures, please contact my office at 516.767.5005.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools