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Dear OWS Families,

Many schools and school districts are receiving questions about the novel coronavirus that has been highlighted in recent news. We want to reassure you that we monitor all such situations. We will take recommended precautions and notify parents and guardians whenever there is an elevated risk. We are tracking recommendations from The World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). According to these various sources, as of this writing, the immediate public health risk in the U.S. and Canada is low. *There are currently no students considered at risk at the School.*

As a precaution, most guidelines are commonsensical in the basic prevention appropriate to any flu-like virus:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections;
- Washing hands frequently, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment;
- Practicing cough etiquette (maintaining distance, covering coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, etc).

This is the time of year when many students and families are susceptible to the common cold and flu. The flu is a more immediate risk this season. We encourage all students and families to follow basic precautions. As is always the case, if students have a fever, they should remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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