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Dear Parents and Students,

This letter is to assure you that our district is very aware of the Coronavirus outbreak as it relates to the wellbeing of our students here at the "FORT". Mr. Green, Chriss Lloyd and I attended a meeting hosted by ESU #2 and conducted by the Three Rivers Public Health Department. The meeting was very informative and has helped us frame our response as a school district to a possible threat to our student body. While there are no reported cases in the state of Nebraska the spread on the East and West coasts may cause concern for you and your families and we want to be as prepared as we can if the cases travel inland.

Our role as a district is to monitor the developing information related to the spread of COVID-19 (commonly referred to as the coronavirus). We will be in constant contact with Three Rivers Health Department and will seek their guidance if and when this virus becomes an issue for our student body. The district is in the process of reviewing its relevant policies and procedures and is confident that it is prepared to respond to any outbreak of communicable disease that may occur. Should this situation interfere with the district's ordinary operations or schedule, you will be provided notice in the customary fashion.

We encourage you to remain informed about the spread of the coronavirus, and would recommend that you visit the website for the Department of Health and Human Services, found at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx, for further information as it develops. I have also enclosed an information sheet from the Three Rivers Public Health Department which is an informational sheet for COVID-19 Preparedness. We would also encourage you to use this opportunity to remind your students of the importance of getting rest and washing hands, especially during cold and flu season. Also, students should stay home if sick.

In conclusion I will assure you we will stay alert to any issues that arise with the outbreak and work to keep you informed regarding the situation. We encourage you to also be diligent in staying informed regarding this very serious health threat. If you or your family travel outside of the country in the near future please inform us of that travel so that we can be diligent to be sure that you are traveling to a safe area and that your traveling will not put our student population at risk.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter,

Dr. J