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To the Byram Hills Community,

As we hear more news about the coronavirus, we feel it is important to continue to communicate our efforts at the school level, our efforts with our local health departments, recommendations from the CDC, and our compliance with the NYS Education Department requirements.

We are aware that some families have traveled over the holidays and that many parents travel to this day for work. As such, we are intensively cleaning our schools and buses. Below, please note some of our **actions in the schools** and our **requests to families and staff** to keep our children and staff safe.

#### **Cleaning the schools and buses**

We continue with our flu protocol, which includes wiping down all areas of the school with disinfectant wipes (classrooms, bathrooms, cafeteria, and buses) and spraying all areas using an approved disinfectant product. Our staff is trained to wipe down chairs, desks, technology, door handles, and anywhere that people touch.

#### **Families and Staff Who Travel**

Last week, the NYS Education Department reiterated that we are not permitted to keep children out of school, based on travel, and indicated it could be discriminatory. Should the guidance change, we will keep you informed. That said, we ask that any family or staff who has traveled to Level 3 areas consult with your family physician about incubation periods and potentially voluntarily staying home from school.

**It is strongly suggested that families or staff in this situation contact the District Office to collaborate with the Superintendent.**

#### **Precautions We Can All Take**

Please continue to practice the flu protocols of handwashing and staying home when ill. It is also important to monitor the following sites for current information, although I will update our community if there is more information to share locally.

[Center for Disease Control 2019 nCoV website](#)

[NYS Department of Health Novel Coronavirus Hotline 1-888-364-3065](#)

[NYS Department of Health Novel Coronavirus Website](#)

[New York State Department of Health Local Health Departments](#)

[New York State Center for School Health](#)

[Westchester County Health Department](#)

Thank you for your continued attention and your support of our community,

Jen Lamia, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools