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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past several weeks, multiple news outlets have reported on the coronavirus (COVID-19), both in this country and abroad. Being parents and educators, we recognize the concern and stress that the coronavirus creates within our families and communities. The purpose of this letter is to share some basic information about how the Wallenpaupack Area School District is prepared to address this flu-like illness, should it become a concern in our area.

In 2006, the Wallenpaupack Area School District created (and updates annually) an All-Hazards Toolkit, which is a set of plans for district officials to utilize, should a pandemic illness become prevalent in our school and community. The toolkit was created in conjunction with Emergency Management officials of Wayne and Pike Counties. In addition, in situations like the coronavirus, the District relies on networking with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania Department of Health (Pa-DOH), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Guidance from these organizations helps to drive the decision-making process of the school.

Within our schools, our custodians disinfect classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and cafeterias daily. All custodians have been trained to properly clean frequently touched areas, with a hospital-grade disinfectant. Soap dispensers are stationed throughout the school and students are encouraged to wash their hands.

It is important to remember that even with the many proactive measures put into place within our schools, no one can accurately predict future spread of the coronavirus and therefore the situation remains fluid. We will react as necessary to ensure the well-being of our students. We will continue to monitor the situation, track student and staff attendance, and collaborate with our local agencies. For further information on the coronavirus, as well as helpful information on preventing the spread of the coronavirus, please refer to our website at www.wallenpaupack.org.