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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Update

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Dear Families of the Gillett School District,

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff are a top priority for us at the Gillett School District. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to provide you with some important safety information and practices.

First, it is important to remember that at this time, there have only been a small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States. To date, there have been near 800 confirmed in the U.S. and three confirmed cases in Wisconsin. We know the condition is changing day to day and we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Department of Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and Local Health Providers.

We encourage our students, staff and families to be mindful of key preventive measures. The CDC offers useful tips on its website that can be useful in avoiding the spread of this and other illnesses. Some of the more important preventative practices include:

- Washing hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap is not available.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze; throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you have a fever or experience illness.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Our custodial department and staff at Gillett have been proactive with extra cleaning and wiping down heavy traffic areas. We also have been using electrostatic spraying tools that electrically charge the cleaning solution so it better adheres to frequently used surfaces. Our transportation provider is also taking extra cleaning precautions to help keep our busses safer for student travel.

We will continue to monitor the safety of the situation and evaluate the possible rescheduling of events and gatherings if needed.

Please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class after any illness. Keeping children home when they are is critical to prevention.

Providing you with proactive information and by working together, we can reduce the spread of the flu and other respiratory viruses such as COVID-19. Thank you for helping us to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment for all our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Todd Carlson, Gillett School District Administrator