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South Park Families:

The South Park School District continues to closely monitor official updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from public health agencies including the Allegheny County Health Department, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While there are no confirmed cases in our area, we continue to remind our families of the recommendations from the CDC to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. These measures include:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly

We remain focused on the preventative measures outlined by these agencies as normal school operations continue. However, we are actively preparing for the possibility that school operations could be impacted.

Should cases of the coronavirus arise in our community, we will follow the guidance and direction of public health officials. In the event schools need to be closed, the South Park School District will utilize flexible instructional days. Flexible instruction allows students to complete classwork at home should a situation occur which would prevent normal operations in one school or throughout the district. An overview of the district's flexible instructional program was emailed to all families on January 21, 2020 and is available by clicking here. Please understand the district may need to modify its current flexible instructional day procedures. Additional details about these modifications will be shared with families as soon as possible.

A webinar with the Pennsylvania Department of Education is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 13. At that time, we expect to receive additional guidance and direction for all Pennsylvania school districts.



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We have added a <u>special section to our website</u> with information about the Coronavirus and resources for families.

We appreciate your cooperation, patience, and understanding throughout this developing situation.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Gdovic

**Superintendent of Schools**