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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may have heard in the news, efforts are being made to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Your child's school plays an important role in that effort. Although there have not been any reported cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, we wanted our families to be aware that Bridgman Public Schools is in close communication with the Berrien County Health Department and will continue to follow their guidance and recommendations. At this time, no action has been recommended other than to encourage the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) preventative measures:

- Frequently washing your hands with soap and water.
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick (children and adults).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend the use of facemasks for the general public.

To help families learn more about the virus, we have dedicated a section of our website to share CDC, MDHHS and Berrien County Health Department resources and general information. Please visit our district website at www.bridgmanschools.com and look for the "Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information" link at the top of the page.

As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We will continue monitoring the development of COVID-19 and plan accordingly in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children.

Educationally yours,

Shane M. Peters

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