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Dear Hanover Park Regional High School District Community,

The well-being and health of our students and staff are always a top priority for the district. The district is monitoring alerts from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about the possibility of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the United States. We would like to share the current status of the Hanover Park Regional High School District, as well as the next steps the district is taking to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

While there are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in our area, we have policies in place to guide the district through these types of circumstances. District Policy and Regulation 8451 – Control of Communicable Disease outlines clear procedures and steps that we follow in any infectious situation. Although these protocols are in place, we recognize this could be an unprecedented situation which may call for additional collaboration and compliance with directives from local and state agencies.

As recommended by the CDC, we are in the process of preparing for the possibility that a spread of the virus in the U.S. may impact school attendance. We are working with our Board of Education and district staff to plan for the continuation of instruction for our students should such a situation occur.

According to the CDC, “While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat.” We will continue to disinfect our classrooms on a routine basis and will devote extra attention to areas where students gather and interact. Our school nurses monitor student and staff absences daily and report any flu-like symptoms to the local health departments. Staff members and families are reminded to take precautions and practice proper respiratory hygiene. If you don’t feel well, please seek out your healthcare provider. As situations evolve, we are prepared to comply with the directions from state and local health agencies and make adjustments if necessary.

For additional information, please go to www.cdc.gov. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Maria C. Carrell
Superintendent of Schools