



Christian Virtue and Academic Merit

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Dear Promise Town Families,

This letter is a follow up from our communication regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Germ Buster Prevention.

It is important for all of us to be aware and knowledgeable of what COVID-19 is and how it is spread. The following information was obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) virus, and we are learning more about it every day. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person who are either in close contact with one another or through respiratory droplets being shared from an infected person. It may be possible for a person to become infected if he/she touches a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touches their own mouth, nose, or eyes. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. At this point, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes it. Stopping transmission (spread) of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy.

Currently our actions include:

- Reviewing and updating our emergency operation plans
- Reviewing possibility of a **Proactive 2-day minimum closure** to ensure entire build is deep cleaned
- Ensuring handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Encouraging parents to keep sick children home
- Encouraging staff who are sick to remain home
- Monitoring student and staff attendance
 - Extended absence will require a doctor's note in order to return.
- Enhancing our routine facility cleaning
- Follow the CDC guidance of self-quarantine and self-report to school and district leaders.
 - Spring break is right around the corner for both MSD Washington and Pike Township (March 30 – April 3).



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- In accordance with CDC guidelines, those who choose to travel to states or countries with a CDC level 3 travel advisory for coronavirus must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Travelers should also note that the possibility exists that a state or country experiencing an outbreak could suspend travel in or out and could result in travelers being stranded.
- Increasing communications with school staff and our community through
 - Promise Town Newsletters
 - Promise Town Website
 - Remind App
 - Social Media (facebook)

We are continuing to follow guidance of the CDC and work closely with the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), Marion County Department of Health, Indiana State Department of Health; to ensure we have the most updated information. Please see Resources for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information via our website: www.nlcs-promisetown.com

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