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DPSCD Staff,

To continue to protect your safety and health, in addition to protecting our students and families, we have updated our guidance and direction to contain COVID-19. This updated guidance is to also address the recommendations provided by the Governor to contain the virus (they are listed below). Please know that we share your legitimate and real questions and concerns regarding your safety and health in relation to the virus. At this point, we are following the guidance of Federal, State, and City health officials regarding the status of school operations. However, we are reevaluating our short and long-term strategies regarding the status of school to ensure everyone's health and safety. We will continue to communicate with you directly regarding our position on containing COVID-19. There are many questions that the district cannot address as we await guidance from the federal and state government, education and health officials. Please know we are proactively asking those questions and pressing for answers.

Please adhere to the following changes:

- All in and out of county/state travel for employees and students, with the exception of Winter Sport Athletic/Academic Tournaments/Championships, are indefinitely suspended and/or cancelled. DPSCD will follow the guidelines outlined by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for these functions.
- International travel for students will continue to be suspended.
- Spring Sport/Club activities/practices/games will continue as planned at this point.
- Student Assemblies are suspended at schools.
- Large scale parent teacher conferences and school assemblies/events are suspended at all schools. Individual parent teacher conferences and parent/families can still visit and enter schools. Sporting events may only include immediate family, coaches, and school administration.
- All volunteers of any kind are suspended from entering schools.
- Contracted services for professional development is suspended. Contracted, direct academic and behavior support for students may continue.
- Field Trips are suspended.
- Schools should begin to limit the number of students in the cafeteria for lunch and movement in hallways with the exchange of classes. Additional guidance will be provided to principals and schools to support this requirement.

At this time, we do not have any confirmed cases of employees, students, or parents/families with COVID-19. If, and when, that occurs, we will immediately communicate this reality with all district staff and move forward with strategies to protect all employees and students.

Sincerely,

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