## HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## HIGH BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the growing concern over the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I am writing to assure you High Bridge School District is carefully monitoring all alerts issued by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Hunterdon County Health Department and are following their guidance.

As it is flu season, our custodial staff continues their efforts to disinfect all common areas and common touch areas such as water fountains, bathrooms, classrooms, desks, door handles, etc. Our school nurses are working together with administrators to monitor attendance and to emphasize the measures important in the prevention of spread of the virus.

As with other respiratory illnesses, you can help prevent the spread of disease by taking the following steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and throw away tissues.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces.
- As always, parents/guardians should keep children home when they are sick. They should not return to school until they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.

There are many resources regarding COVID-19. Below are a few links you may find helpful:

- CDC's Coronavirus Disease website
- What to do if you are sick with Coronavirus Disease
- New Jersey Department of Health website
- NJDOH COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care and K-12 Schools

We will continue to follow guidance from the Hunterdon County and New Jersey Departments of Health and CDC as it is released. We appreciate your support and assistance in our efforts to stop the spread of germs and viruses in our schools.

Thank you.

Gregory A. Hobaugh, Ed.D. Superintendent