Dear Fabius-Pompey Community:

As the Coronavirus spreads, the Fabius-Pompey Central School District will continue to engage in the best practices aimed at stopping and slowing down the spread of this virus. The District obtains information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Onondaga County Health Department and the New York State Department of Health. These organizations are committed to monitoring the spread of the virus and have been diligent in updating their websites with information as the situation evolves.

**What do we know?**
Since this virus is very new, health authorities continue to carefully watch how this virus spreads. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working hard to learn as much as possible about this new virus, so that we can better understand how it spreads and causes illness. The CDC considers this virus to be a serious public health concern. Based on current information the CDC recommends avoiding travel to China. Updated travel information related to 2019-nCoV can be found at https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/noovel-coronavirus-china.

**How does 2019 Novel (New) Coronavirus spread?**
Health experts believe the virus probably spreads from animals to humans and from person to person. It’s not clear yet how easily the virus spreads from person to person. The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is not currently a concern for the general public and is not actively circulating among New Yorkers at this time. Therefore, there is no need to cancel school or social events, and there is no need for students to wear surgical masks at school.

**Prevention**
There are currently no vaccines available to protect against this virus. The New York State Department of Health recommends the following ways to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including 2019-nCoV:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- CDC recommends that travelers avoid all travel to China.

**Symptoms**
Information to date suggests that 2019-nCoV causes mild-to-moderate illness and symptoms like the flu, including fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

The District will reinforce the prevention measures identified by the CDC with staff and students. We also appreciate your efforts to encourage these healthy habits with your children at home. If you have any questions, please contact me at tryan@fabiuspompey.org or (315) 683-5301.

Sincerely,

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