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Dear Hamburg School District Families,

The purpose of this communication is to update you regarding COVID-19. Please know how much we care about making sure that every person who comes to our schools to learn, work and visit is able to do so in the healthiest possible environment. It is with that obligation in mind that we continue to closely monitor the latest guidance documents from our partners in government, many of which you can find linked within this letter.

We do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Hamburg Schools. Local health departments will contact the school district directly if a suspected or known COVID-19 case emerges. The district is prepared to work with our partners in government to support any affected families.

Because we share your concern for the safety of your children while they are with us at school, I wanted to offer a summary of our cleaning and disinfecting efforts to date.

- For the past 30 days, all school district buildings have been cleaned using an enhanced cleaning protocol with cleaning agents rated for cleaning of COVID-19, focusing on often-used surfaces such as desks and door knobs.
- We also continue to follow vigorous procedures regarding special cleaning for classrooms with higher incidences of illness.
- We have increased the numbers of hand sanitizing stations in each school, and we have pallets of bulk hand sanitizer on hand to fill them.
- We recently purchased a disinfecting device that allows us to impact more spaces more quickly.
- Each day the seats and other surfaces of our entire bus fleet are cleaned with a bleach-based cleaner.

We also know that many of you are wondering about the status of school-based travel planned between now and the end of the school year. We are carefully considering the efficacy of each trip within the context of the broader health concerns we face, while also understanding the specific circumstances of the place to which each school-based group intends to travel. You should know that it is entirely possible that travel to certain locations may be prohibited by the circumstances. If a school based trip is cancelled, we will give as much notice as possible. You will be informed of a cancellation by the adult who arranged the trip, and by the Principal of the school. I want to apologize in advance for the financial hardship that a trip cancellation may cause.

Finally, we want to share important resources that have been developed by our partners in government, and upon which we rely for the most reliable information.

Fact Sheets:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-h.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

Stopping the Spread of Germs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Erie County Department of Health - Coronavirus

<http://www2.erie.gov/health/coronavirus>

New York State Department of Health

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

When your children are with us in school, we care for their health and safety as though they were our own children. You can count on our constant vigilance on their behalf as we face this public health issue together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Cornell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael R. Cornell
Superintendent of Schools