March 6, 2020

To Our Entire Southern Lehigh School Community,

As the health and safety of our entire school community is of utmost importance, and as our ongoing promise to you, we wanted to provide you with an update regarding our oversight on the COVID-19 virus in our district. Today, Governor Wolf announced that there are two presumptively positive cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, one of which occurred in Delaware County. Within our district, we have not had any confirmed cases of coronavirus.

As a district, we continue to have ongoing discussions, across departments and buildings, to determine potential changes in our procedures. As during every cold and flu season, our custodial staff have increased our cleaning measures in the buildings. Any changes with our procedures will be based on factual data from federal, state, and local health officials. If additional measures are warranted, communication will be provided accordingly.

With regards to supplies, we did purchase additional cleaning supplies to have in stock if increasing our cleaning efforts is necessary. While we completely understand the need for a healthy and clean environment, especially this time of year, we are reminding our staff to work with their building custodians about cleaning in the classrooms. Our schools are cleaned and disinfected by custodial staff, who are annually trained, using products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens. These are currently the products recommended for use during the COVID-19 outbreak.

It is important to note that while we are all concerned about the spread of COVID-19, that we base any changes on <u>factual</u> information. As a community, please continue to follow all previously shared recommendations to remain healthy during the cold and flu season. If you have any concerns regarding your child's health, it is recommended that you consult with your child's primary care physician.

In closing, and as shared, we are monitoring the COVID-19 closely and will continue to provide updates to our school community as needed.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent