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Dear Fargo Public Schools Community,

Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted many schools around the country, the intent of this communication is to provide additional information as it relates to our area.

Fargo Public Schools continues to collaborate and review plans with local health officials to help protect the whole school community. Our school plans are designed to protect students and staff and minimize disruption to teaching and learning when possible.

Currently, Fargo Public Schools has not been provided with any information that would constitute school closure for the prevention of spreading COVID-19. However, this decision is fluid and can change based on updated information. Additionally, Fargo Public Schools is in constant communication with area health care providers, neighboring districts, and other agencies to stay up to date regarding the potential impacts of COVID-19 in our region.

If a decision is made to close Fargo Public Schools, it will be done through collaboration and coordination with local health departments to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our students and staff.

Parents have begun to consider keeping their children home to protect their child from contracting COVID-19. As always, Fargo Public Schools will continue to honor parent requests for student absences and encourage parents to do what they feel is best for their child.

Symptoms of the COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. If you or your child develop symptoms, please call your health provider and tell them about your recent travel or exposure.

Fargo Public Schools takes the safety of our students and staff very seriously. We will continue to monitor the situation, work with state and local health officials, and follow recommended guidance as it becomes available.

Additionally, Fargo Public Schools is currently revising or temporarily suspending procedures that incentivize attendance, which could result in the spread of germs caused by students attending school sick to receive an incentive.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Superintendent
Fargo Public Schools