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Dear Student Families,

I write to you again to continue to keep the school community informed of the proactive measures taken by the Wharton Public School District regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The district has developed a plan, as explained in a prior letter, to continue educational services should schools be forced to close. This plan will provide online instruction to students, with accommodations for the special needs of individual students. The plan will also offer to meet the nutritional needs of qualifying students. Student learning activities and assignments will be offered through multiple online platforms and via “paper/pencil” when necessary.

To ensure that teaching staff is ready to provide instruction through distance learning, the Wharton Public School District will have an early dismissal on Monday, 3/16. All students will be dismissed at 12:40.

As this is a dynamic and constantly changing and developing situation, I would like to inform the community of the district’s actions to provide a safe environment for both students and staff.

I am in daily contact and work closely with the Department of Health, Office of Emergency Management and Department of Education. This permits us to follow the direction of these agencies and have the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 and what measures need to be taken.

The district has taken the following steps to ensure the facility is disinfected:

- An additional part-time custodian has been hired to assist in disinfecting the schools in the evening.
- Upon custodial arrival in the morning, all door handles and "high touch" items are disinfected.
- Wipes have been provided and more are being purchased for students to wipe keyboards after Chromebook use.
- Entire classrooms are being disinfected via electrostatic sprayers.
- Coordination is ongoing with the PTA for additional supplies.

In upcoming days, further decisions will be made regarding field trips and after school and evening events. All decisions will be made in collaboration with the agencies I communicate with daily. Please know that the Wharton School’s are taking every precaution to ensure your child’s health and safety, while providing a high quality education.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Herdman
Superintendent