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COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

After consultation with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has at this point closed schools for the next three weeks starting March 16th – April 3rd, 2020. Following a countywide meeting with Wesley Vins, Columbiana County Health Commissioner, and the local school superintendents, the following listed recommendations will be effective immediately:

- All out-of-state field trips are cancelled until further notice.
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- All indoor student performances and mass gatherings open to the public will be postponed until further notice.
- Additional guidance from Ohio High School Athletic Association (ohsaa.org) will be monitored.

Parents should prepare for children staying home from school for an extended period of time.

It is also important to note that as of this writing, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Columbiana County. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and one that is being monitored closely. Schools in Columbiana County have previously developed emergency operation plans that specifically address how to deal with a large-scale illness outbreak, including procedures for excluding ill students and staff, cancellation of activities and mass gatherings, and, if necessary, school closure. Practicing good hygiene can help to limit the spread of viruses in our schools. Custodial staff will continue to regularly clean and disinfect classrooms and common areas.

We will continue to stress the recommended precautions to avoid exposure to the virus, which are the same precautions you would take to avoid the flu. To keep your family safe:

- ***Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.***
- ***Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.***
- ***Stay home when you are sick and do not return to school or work until you have been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.***
- ***Cover your sneezes or coughs with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash; if tissues aren't available, sneeze or cough into the inside of your elbow.***
- ***Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.***

We will be continuing our partnerships with public health experts and updating you when new relevant information is available. You may find additional information here:

Columbiana County Health Department: <https://www.columbiana-health.org/index.html>

Ohio Department of Health: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/novel-coronavirus/2019-ncov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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