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Students and Families of MVC,

In order to best inform you of what the Washington State Board of Education, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and the Washington Department of Health are recommending for schools we are passing on the following information.

One of the main recommendations at this point is that people get and process the correct information. Here are a few links which will help to inform you about what is going on and how to best deal with this virus and other seasonal flus.

[Skagit County Department of Health Information](#)

[Latest State of Washington Influenza Update](#)

[Washington Department of Health School Recommendations](#)

Here are some actions steps that we have taken at MVC:

- All Faculty and Staff read the information provided by the Washington Department of Health regarding Coronavirus for Schools.
- Teachers are having students wash their hands with soap and water for at least the duration of saying the ABCs. This is done prior to snack or lunch, and after using the restroom or after times like recess. MS and HS teachers are offering reminders to our older students to do the same. Hand sanitizer is available and okay, but not as good as soap and water.
- Our custodial staff is making sure we have all the soap and supplies we need.
- Daily Cleaning/Disinfecting and Sanitizing: Faculty and staff are wiping down all surfaces at the end of each day in their room/office area. Light Switches, door handles, desks tops, the arms of chairs and other counters as well. This daily cleaning will go on until further notice.
- Our custodial crew is doing the same in all shared or common areas with special attention to high contact areas like door handles, etc.
- Employees who are ill will stay home. If students appear ill, they will be sent to the office and then home. Cough, fever and shortness of breath are the three most common symptoms of this particular virus.
- Over the break faculty and staff will be clearing as many counter and desk surfaces as possible, including office and teacher desks. Chairs will be left on the floor and pulled out from the desks. Our contracted custodial service is coming into school to use a mist disinfectant/sanitizer on all surfaces. This will be at the proper dilution rate and guarantee proper wet contact time.
- Currently, school closure is not recommended in any areas in spite of what some schools have done. We do have contingency plans in place if this is required.

I think it is important that we get our facts from the WHO, DOH and those who have the best information. News outlets have not proven to be the most reliable. We should expect that the virus will spread similar to a bad flu season. It is also important that in times when others may panic, that we demonstrate an understanding of God's sovereignty while responding in obedience through our due diligence to follow the instructions of those in positions of authority and expertise.

Praying for health and wellness in Christ,

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