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Dear Baldwin Family,

The Baldwin Union Free School District administration has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Yesterday, I attended a meeting with the Nassau County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, who provided the latest updates and guidelines.

There are no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in New York State. While the health risk remains low, the Commissioner recommends following the same precautions taken to prevent the spread of influenza and we will continue to remind students, staff, and parents to follow the prevention guidelines:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, using a sleeve or tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when you are sick
- If you exhibit flu-like symptoms, such as a fever and a cough, visit your private physician
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

In addition, our Facilities Department continues to sanitize our schools, especially frequently touched surfaces, on a regular basis.

The Department of Health (DOH) will inform school districts about any student who might be involved with a voluntary isolation, as well as any local occurrence of the Coronavirus. The CDC has informed the public that children seem to be at a lower risk of infection. The Commissioner has also assured district officials that there is no reason to change any school activities.

For more information about the Coronavirus, please refer to the following resources on the CDC website:

- https://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/index.htm
- https://www.cdc.gov/health/infectioncontrol/faqs/respiratory-hygiene.html

You may also contact the DOH hotline at 1-888-364-3065 with questions and to speak with an expert.

I will keep you updated as new information develops. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff remains a top priority for our district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shari L. Camhi
Superintendent of Schools

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