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Dear Boerne Family,

Given recent media coverage around the coronavirus, I want to assure you that Boerne ISD is tracking this situation through proven and trustworthy sources such as our local health department, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While health officials believe the risk to our school community is low, I want to assure you that BISD is closely monitoring this matter.

We are currently following health officials recommended steps to protect against coronavirus in the same way we would prevent the spread of other respiratory illnesses like the flu. Our teachers, school nurses, and staff are working carefully to encourage the simple and effective habits of frequent hand-washing, covering every cough or sneeze, and cleaning classroom tables and surfaces frequently. BISD schools utilize specialized electrostatic sprayers to sanitize all surfaces.

We also encourage individuals to stay home if they are experiencing mild to severe symptoms of respiratory infection including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Our District health care providers and other staff are utilizing screening tools provided by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to help identify individuals potentially needing further medical follow up.

In the unlikely event that BISD's pandemic plan would need to be enacted, established protocols would ensure that local health officials are engaged, communication is provided to all relevant stakeholders, and instruction continues to the greatest degree possible should schools be closed.

While a new type of illness can be frightening, we can protect our students, staff, and the broader community by using simple everyday actions that protect people from other types of respiratory viruses. For updated information on the coronavirus, please visit: <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Health/News/Alerts/CoronaVirus>

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Price
Superintendent

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