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Dear NEIU Students, Parents, and Staff,

The health and wellness of our students, staff, and community is a top priority. As you are aware, the coronavirus is a newly discovered respiratory virus that has been diagnosed in the United States and other countries around the world.

With a goal of slowing the spread of the virus in Northeast Pennsylvania, we offer the following update and information.

What the NEIU is doing:

- We will continue our routine cleaning and disinfection program, emphasizing cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces every evening
- We provide supplies for good hygiene, including clean and functional handwashing stations, soap, paper towels, and alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- During the school day, we will disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles/knobs, bathrooms, water coolers, desks, countertops, school supplies, lunch tables, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones and toys
- Following CDC recommendations, we will NOT be using or distributing face masks
- The NEIU School Nurse will work with staff and students on proper techniques that prevent or reduce the spread of pathogens like the coronavirus
- The NEIU Transportation Coordinator has directed that all transportation contractors disinfect their vehicles after transporting students

Tips to protect yourself and others:

- Stay home when sick
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose. If hands are visibly dirty, use soap and water to clean hands
- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Persons infected with coronavirus have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath

Future updates will be communicated in writing and sent home with students, posting's on the NEIU website and the NEIU email system.

The safety and wellness of students, staff, and community is a top priority of NEIU. Adherence to the daily precautions as mentioned above can help ensure that the NEIU community remains healthy. Please share this information with your family and caregivers.

More information is available on the Center for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) websites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob McTiernan".

Bob McTiernan

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