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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Solvay School District continues to monitor and respond to the rapidly evolving developments in the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Media coverage of these unfolding events can be scary and tap into the fears we all may have, but the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to report that for the general American public, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low. We are constantly monitoring all aspects of this situation and following the direction of the New York State Department of Health, the Onondaga County Health Department, and the New York State Education Department to ensure the health and safety of all of our children, staff, parents, and visitors to the Solvay School District.

As a district, we have been meeting to discuss the impact of COVID-19. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the district, the Onondaga County Health Department will notify the district and we will shut down. This shut down will be for a minimum of 24-hours and the Health Department will advise the district with regards to required protocols and the reopening of buildings. At this time there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Onondaga County.

We are continually evaluating district gatherings such as concerts, plays, sporting events, field trips, and other communal events. Any cancelations will be communicated on our district’s web site and through the use of School Messenger.

Please refer to the previous district letter, which indicated that the district has already increased cleaning protocol for the classrooms, shared spaces, buses, etc. We ask that staff and students stay home if they have any symptoms and follow the advice given by doctors. Additionally, New Yorkers can call the State hotline at 1-888-364-3065, where experts can answer questions regarding the COVID-19.

The situation with COVID-19 is ever evolving and we are working diligently to stay informed and respond appropriately, balancing reactivity with thoughtfulness. We would like to once again assure you that the safety of our students, staff, and community is our number one priority.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this time. For more information, please refer to the following resources.


Sincerely,

Jay Tinklepaugh
Superintendent of Schools

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