Good afternoon, everyone.

With Coronavirus, or COVID-19, dominating the news today, I am writing to ensure our families and staff are aware of the resources developed by the Government of Saskatchewan, found at www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus and on our homepage at horizonsd.ca.

This website is an excellent resource for updates, tips, and information. I ask our staff and families to review these documents, including the following preventative actions to protect yourself and others from infection:

- Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow);
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Maintain safe food practices; and
- Avoid large crowds and practice social distancing (do not shake hands, hug, or kiss)

At this time, our regular daily classes and other business will proceed as normal. Horizon will maintain heightened awareness as this pandemic develops, and we will share any updates or changes as soon as possible, should they arise.

We are following the direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and other partners, and Horizon’s administrative procedure 166 – Control of Communicable and Contagious Diseases – provides our administrators with guidance on this topic, including an Influenza Pandemic Plan. We will be taking other precautionary measures, such as providing additional hand sanitizer for our schools, in the days ahead. As educators and families, we will work together to keep our students and communities healthy, safe, and cared for.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Thank you,

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