March 12, 2020

Good afternoon,

As we approach Spring Break, we know you have concerns about the coronavirus. I want to share with you that, while there is no confirmed case of coronavirus in Hernando County, the school district is practicing our due diligence in helping to reduce the impact of a potential Coronavirus case affecting our community.

First, let me assure you that we are in daily communication with our local Florida Department of Health. We are following all of the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention regarding travel and we are being briefed frequently by our state leaders.

Within our schools, we have made certain that cleaning materials, soap and hand sanitizers are fully stocked at each site and that daily cleaning is comprehensive and thorough. Tomorrow, we have arranged for all schools to receive a concentrated deep cleaning.

At this time, we have made no changes to any scheduled field trips or to sporting events. However, over the break, we will continue to monitor the situation and we will communicate any changes through all of our communication platforms including email, social media, district website and the HCSD Mobile App.

I encourage all to stay up-to-date, practice good handwashing and hygiene routines and if you experience flu-like symptoms to self-isolate and call your physician. We will get through this together.

On behalf of each of us in Hernando Schools, we wish you all a wonderful break! Stay well.

Thank you.

John Stratton
Superintendent