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Parents and Guardians,

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The health and safety of our students is a top priority of The New Standard Academy. Due to the national attention focused on the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, we want to update you on the academy's efforts to protect our students and staff.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describe COVID-19 as a respiratory virus that can spread from person to person. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. The virus has a few confirmed cases in Michigan as of now, but the risk in our community is considered to be low. As the CDC continues to monitor the situation, we remain vigilant in checking for symptoms our students may present when coming in to the building. In addition, academy cleaning crews have been asked to heighten cleaning efforts, as has the transportation department as well. We also have the ability to deep clean classrooms should we deem it necessary.

The academy is encouraging all families to be mindful of illnesses at home. If you notice any of the above symptoms do not take the chance that it is not COVID-19. Please visit a healthcare facility to completely rule the virus out. As always a strong partnership with our student families is of the utmost importance in protecting the school community. We are currently following directions according to the Michigan Health Department in regard to the operation of the school. We will keep everyone updated as we move forward. Below are a few practices parents and students are encouraged to do to help prevent the spread of illness at home and on campus:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you have any questions, comments, or further concerns, please feel free to contact the academy office at (810) 787-3330.

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