



SHIPPENSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Chris Suppo
Superintendent

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Dear Shippensburg Area School District Staff and Families:

We continue to closely monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) as conditions rapidly evolve. This message is intended to reassure you that we are committed to maintain open communications and implement measures to promote the health and safety of our students, staff and community. **Currently, there are no presumed or confirmed COVID-19 cases within our District.** While we are hopeful that the spread of COVID-19 will not affect our community, we are also planning for conditions that may require us to take additional preemptive measures, which may include the cancellation of school field trips, extra-curricular trips, athletic events and performances. We have not determined to unilaterally cancel field trips or events, but will continue to re-evaluate all activities on a case-by-case basis and plan accordingly over the coming days and weeks.

Through a careful, thoughtful and prudent approach, we are best prepared and committed to ensure public safety without unnecessary disruptions or alarm. We have increased the cleaning of hard surfaces and high-touch areas within our schools and on our buses. We will continue to take these and other preemptive measures as recommended by health experts and agencies at the county, state, and national levels. Additional information from these agencies will continue to lead our efforts in decision making as this situation changes daily.

We have assembled a team of District leaders to collectively discuss how we as a District are responding to meet health needs and how we can best plan and prepare for this evolving situation. We will continue to provide regular updates to you as appropriate. All official District updates and information regarding COVID-19 will be sent to you via our school message system - and will be available on our website. District updates will not be distributed via social media platforms such as Twitter, Snapchat or Facebook, so please exercise caution and remain vigilant regarding the source and accuracy of information you may encounter on social media. I would also encourage you to view the COVID-19 resource links posted at www.shipk12.org.

Please continue to emphasize personal healthy habits in addition to utilizing social distancing when practical. We all have a shared responsibility to help ensure the health and safety of our school community. Your patience and support are very much appreciated as we work together during this challenging time. The health of our students, staff and community remains our top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Suppo'.

Chris Suppo, D.Ed.
Superintendent