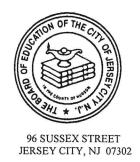


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Dear Families,

As you know, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has us all taking necessary precautions to prevent the spread of diseases and germs. Here's just a snippet of what is going on in PS#16:

- 1) Students are being reminded to wash hands regularly, particularly after the use of the bathroom facilities. They are also being reminded to cough and sneeze into their sleeves to reduce the spread of germs.
- 2) Custodians and teachers are wiping down and disinfecting hard surfaces (tables, door knobs, railings, etc.) particularly in high traffic areas.
- 3) Deck floors and shower stalls are being mopped and disinfected regularly in the pool area as well as constant check on the chemical balances in the swimming pool.

We are following all other district protocols and mandates as indicated in the communications from our superintendent. Please read them thoroughly. Students will not be permitted to wear masks to school as outlined by Mr. Franklin Walker. Children wearing masks will be assumed as ill and you will be called to pick up your child. To avoid the risk of others getting sick, please keep all children home who are not feeling well.

If a student has been indirectly exposed to the Coronavirus, we are kindly asking that you self-quarantine to ensure that the student is healthy and can return to school. The absences will be marked as EXCUSED. Please send me an email with your child's name and room number if this is the case. Please note that the Health Department is then responsible for setting the quarantine for individuals who may be exposed. If your child is returning from international travel, he/she must get clearance from a physician before reentering the school.

We are awaiting further directives as it relates to other operational matters such as field trip cancellations and/or postponements. As I get updates from the district, I will update you. Please make sure the office has all current contact information. In the meantime, be well.

Best regards,

Terry Watkins-Williams, Principa