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Dear WCSD Community,

Today, much of our national news has included information about the spread of the Coronavirus to areas around the globe. Each day, the District receives updates of the Coronavirus. [Click here for resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.](#)

Our District, as well as many districts in New York State, have been working to address COVID-19. In particular, all Dutchess County School Superintendents have met with officials from the Health Department and Emergency Center to address concerns and the potential impact as it relates to our schools. As of today, there are no official reports of the virus in Dutchess County. However, our District has been vigilant in continuing to take all the necessary precautions.

As a preventative measure, we have initiated additional sanitizing and cleaning protocols. It is important that families and students begin to take individual precautions to reduce the spread of the virus, such as:

- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- [wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds](#)
- avoid touching your face
- avoid close contact with people who are sick
- get your flu shot – it's never too late
- stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms, travel history, and if you've had contact with people who are sick.

We are tremendously grateful to our nurses who have been diligent and working to ensure that our students remain healthy by making ongoing "check-in" calls to families of students displaying flu symptoms, viral infections (cold-like symptoms), as well as a fever. We cannot stress enough the importance of having your child remain home if they are experiencing the symptoms stated above.

[Please continue to view our website and we will be sure to inform you at home of any pertinent updates regarding the Coronavirus.](#) As of yet, WCSD has not made any decision to postpone or cancel any major events of field trips.

As the winter months have passed us with little if any snow, below is an updated chart of the emergency closing and school delays utilized so far this school year. As of this writing, if no additional days are used for school closing, the students will be off on May, 26, May 27, and June 5. There is always the chance that March will bring snow to the region and additional school closings may be announced. We will update you as we progress through March.

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| EMERGENCY DAYS (five days are built into the calendar) | <i>Monday, December 2</i> | <i>Tuesday, December 17</i> |
| SCHOOL DELAYS | <i>Tuesday, November 19</i> | <i>Wednesday, December 18</i> |
| | <i>Tuesday, December 3</i> | <i>Monday, February 10</i> |
| | <i>Wednesday, December 11</i> | |
| EARLY DISMISSALS | | |

Sincerely,
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Superintendent of Schools