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Dear Parents:

I have been receiving many emails and correspondences from rightfully concerned parents regarding the current Coronavirus (COVID- 19) pandemic. It is impossible at this time to respond to each individually. St. Benedict School's ultimate goal is to keep all members of our community healthy and safe.

The faculty of St. Benedict School has been briefed and advised that at any point the school may be forced to close due to the threat of contact with the spreading virus. Teachers at all grade levels have been working on developing online learning platforms that St. Benedict students can access remotely in case the campus is closed. Teachers will still be providing instruction, maintaining accurate attendance records, and assigning and grading assignments. Our teachers will be in contact with you regarding lessons, requirements, login information and credentials. Our goal is to maintain educational continuity during this challenging and uncertain time.

St. Benedict School will be taking certain precautionary actions to limit exposure to potential carriers of the Coronavirus. After much thought, deliberation, and consultation we have decided we must, in the interest of student safety, cancel or postpone events. Our Drama Club's performance of Frozen Jr. will be postponed until further notice. We will work diligently to find an alternate date and time when the climate improves. All events for next weeks (March 16th - 20th) Week of the Young Child have also been postponed. We will continue to keep the Eighth Grade Trip to the Frogbridge Day Camp on our schedule, but all other Field Trips will be canceled.

Our maintenance department and cleaning company have continued to provide a clean, safe learning environment to our faculty and students. Teachers are continuing to ensure hands are being washed regularly and proper hygienic procedures are being followed.

Parents must make the ultimate decision on what is best for their children. We are committed to keeping St. Benedict School open and vibrant for all long as possible. However, we are prepared to close if we are impacted by a credible threat reaching our campus. If you feel your child's individual situation is benefitted from staying home, please let us know. School work will be provided and their absence will not affect their academic standing.

We hope this correspondence eases your concern. We are prepared for whatever situation may arise. Please remember your child's health and safety is paramount in whatever decisions are made.

All the Best,

Kevin Donahue
Principal, St. Benedict School