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Dear Parents and Patrons:

I wanted to take a few moments to share with you the Pendleton School District's current response to the Coronavirus that is creating a worldwide health concern. As of this morning, there have been no confirmed cases in Oregon and as I understand it, there is one confirmed case in Bothell, Washington, which is just east of Seattle.

The best thing we can all do at this time is to remain calm, learn as many facts as possible, practice and encourage good hygiene. A healthy diet, adequate sleep, regular cleaning of clothing and bedding and washing hands regularly throughout the day are the best preventative measures.

Our current strategy at this point as a district is to provide you with the most current and accurate information. For those who want to learn more, I personally would recommend the CDC website, www.cdc.gov/COVID19. We will be providing information on our website and Facebook for families as well as updates should anything change in our reaction/response to this situation.

In the event that confirmed cases arise in our area, we will work closely with and follow the directions of the local County Health Officials of which we have already been in contact with (as a preventive measure).

Finally, when your child is sick, please keep them home and contact the school being sure to provide your child's symptoms. It is this information that helps us and the County Health Department determine potential health hazards and the appropriate level of response.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students, parents and staff safe.

Respectfully,

Chris Fritsch
Superintendent