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Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

This letter is intended to share with all families and staff the preparations and systems that are being adjusted and put in place to address the guidance and information we have related to the coronavirus or COVID-19 outbreak.

Information regarding the virus is available from a variety of valid and reliable sources in the media, online outlets, local guidance, and national and international sources. As new information is released, it can also begin to cause questions and a desire for more detailed information about what the district and schools are doing to be proactive and to plan to protect students, staff, and the community as a whole to prevent the spread of COVID-19. There are many facets of planning involved in this work and it is being developed and revised on a daily basis as new information is provided to us.

The attached document outlines the various areas that are currently in place and being developed. In order to provide continual updates in the rapidly changing situation, I will be providing a weekly update with new information, additional planning, and other pertinent information at the end of each week through School Messenger. This information will also be posted on the district's website.

I am in constant communication with the appropriate authorities for information and guidance so that we can respond and make thoughtful, informed decisions for the students and staff in our schools and for the community as a whole. This takes time and coordination in order to apply the guidance we are provided to the context of our Clinton schools and community. I believe that weekly updates to parents can serve to provide new information to all in a consistent

manner and help to reassure our community that we are prepared and ready to respond to the guidance and requirements of response to COVID-19.

Sincerely,
Maryann O'Donnell
Superintendent of Schools