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Dear Hoquiam Families and Staff,

Today it was confirmed through Grays Harbor Public Health department that an individual has tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have been in constant communication with Grays Harbor Public Health officials and are jointly monitoring the potential impacts of COVID-19 throughout our communities. The health department did confirm to me that this individual has had **no** direct contact with any schools in the Grays Harbor region.

As of this letter, we will continue to operate our schools and activities. As the norm HSD will not cancel or postpone events or field trips unless advised to do so by public health officials. However, if a trip looks to put our students at risk, the district retains the right to postpone or cancel the trip/activity. Our goal is to keep our students and staff safe.

Given the recent COVID-19 incident, per the Grays Harbor County Health Department, we will be implementing these preventative recommendations guidelines:

- continue standard cleaning procedures, and clean frequently touched surfaces and objects (like doorknobs and light switches). Standard cleaning products are effective. A fresh solution of 10% bleach/water (1part bleach to 9 parts water) will kill respiratory viruses.
- supervise hand washing before food is consumed
- provide hand washing reminders; hand sanitizer
- **exclude** students who have symptoms of COVID-19 but have **not** been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 for 72 hours after the fever is gone and symptoms have resolved
 - instruct parents in households with fever and respiratory illness to monitor their other children's temperature daily before sending them to school
- **exclude** students **who have been diagnosed (confirmed case)** with COVID-19 for 7 days *OR* 72 hours after the fever is gone and symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer
 - exclude siblings in households with confirmed COVID-19 cases from school for 14 days past last exposure (last date of a household member's fever)
- student athletes (grades 6-12) will be monitored accordingly following WIAA guidelines for practice requirements. Our Athletic Director in conjunction with principals will work with students individually as needed.

In closing, your child's safety is our most important priority. We will work closely with you and your family's needs as we work through this together.

Respectfully,

Dr. Mike A. Villarreal

Superintendent
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