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Dear Classical Academy Community:

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The health of our students and staff is a priority and responsibility we take seriously at Classical Academy. As you know, recent information released by the Centers for Disease Control states more cases of corona disease 2019, now abbreviated COVID-19, "are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States." We are sharing the preventive measures Classical is currently taking to ensure the safety of our school community.

While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Classical, we have policies in place to guide the district through these types of circumstances. District Policy 8451 - Control of Communicable Disease outlines clear procedures and steps that we follow in any infectious situation. District Policy 8451 further requires that we comply with all regulations of the New Jersey Department of Health and the Passaic County Board of Health offices governing the prevention, control, and reporting of communicable disease. Although these protocols are in place, we recognize the possibility of a situation which may call for additional compliance with local and state agencies.

We are working closely with the aforementioned agencies and are ready to receive and implement guidance from the CDC, World Health Organization, as well as the state and local health departments. We are also complying with the guidance recently provided to us by the New Jersey Department of Education, should it be advised that we need to modify the delivery of our instructional programming. Information to the community will be disseminated via memos, automated calls to homes, and through the school's website.

Our school nurse monitors student and staff absences and is required to report any flu-like symptoms to the health department. Staff members and families are reminded to take precautions and practice proper respiratory hygiene. In addition, our school nurse has reviewed good hand-washing techniques and other sanitary measures to take to avoid germs.

Our cleaning staff and our teachers are encouraged to use surface cleaning sanitizing wipes on areas including but not limited to desks and door handles. To support this good health practice, the school is supplying each classroom with one container of surface cleaning sanitizing wipes. We also recently installed hand sanitizing machines around the school facility which is available to all students and staff on each floor of the building. We encourage everyone in our school community to seek medical care and connect with a healthcare provider if you feel ill and are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Once again, please be advised that Classical Academy is committed to doing our diligence towards maintaining a healthy environment and preventing the spread of germs. We will continue to update you of any relevant information as it becomes available. Please direct any questions by contacting the main office at 973-278-7707. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms Giordano