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Dear LPCSC Family Member,

Over the next few days, LPCSC, along with county officials and school superintendents, will be meeting regarding the Coronavirus. We will update you with any information regarding how the county and/or state department of health advises us. There is some sense to a collective effort in order to make an impact on the spread of the coronavirus and our plans.

We have been in touch with school officials in Northwest Indiana and to date no schools have closed. Many schools have canceled spring break trips arranged for students. We were just informed this morning that our state athletic association decided to conclude indoor tournaments with spectators limited to family members. Obviously, a number of large event cancellations are happening across the country including most non-athletic Indiana state school competitions.

To date, Avon Community School Corporation near Indianapolis is the only public school that we know of that has cancelled classes. Their closure was due to a confirmed Coronavirus case.

While we are waiting for direction from the state and county health officials, we are looking at the details as to how we would operate if an extended cancellation were necessary. We have the ability to conduct eLearning days, so we would be able to follow an e-learning format. Decisions would need to be made by the Indiana Department of Education regarding use of an extended number of eLearning days and also the required minimum number of instructional days. We will follow up with more information as direction is provided. In the interim, we are taking extra precautions to disinfect our buses and facilities which will help with the spread of the flu as well as the coronavirus.

Lastly, we encourage parents to visit our website, www.lpcsc.k12.in.us, for additional information. You will also find a link for information from public health officials on our website. As in any circumstance, parents make decisions as to what is best for their child, including, their health and safety as it relates to their attendance at school. LPCSC is here as a partner with you to ensure the safety and wellness of all of our students and staff.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Francesconi".

Mark Francesconi
Superintendent

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