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Dear Woodland Hills Community,

While we are very fortunate at this time that there have been no reported cases of the coronavirus in the County, Pittsburgh and Woodland Hills School District, I want to acknowledge the unfortunate hardships that we all are enduring as global residents and the specific disappointments and frustrations that our students, faculty, and professional staff feel as members of our community during this difficult time.

In addition to the mounting anxiety that we all experience as this outbreak unfolds, for some, the situation has necessitated that they forgo long-anticipated travel or large public gatherings. All the while others have been disappointed and greatly inconvenienced by the cancellation of a variety of events and conferences Statewide – or by the inability to travel to them. These lost opportunities are difficult to tolerate however they are necessary for the safety of the public. Please know that I share your disappointments and have experienced cancellations in activities that I have been anticipating and preparing for months.

With news in recent days that some school districts, universities and colleges have closed their campuses to prevent the further spread of coronavirus, many people in the Woodland Hills School District community are now wondering if WHSD will do the same. I want to take this opportunity to tell you that we have no plans currently to close any of our campuses or cancel any of our events.

However, the situation is highly fluid, and we may need to take additional measures in the coming days to keep our community safe. Although we do not intend to modify our academic calendar or instructional delivery methods at this time, I cannot guarantee that this will not change should circumstances require it to protect the wellbeing of our community. Please know that the WHSD coronavirus response team continues to meet daily to discuss the ongoing outbreak and that we are carefully considering the impact of this situation on all aspects of the WHSD community. The District is taking all reasonable precautions to continue normal operations while also preparing to do whatever is required to keep our community safe. We are in close communication with County Health officials and our neighboring districts. We will continue to update you on a regular basis, and we encourage you to check the web page for additional information.

I wish you all a safe and pleasurable upcoming spring break.

Sincerely,

James P. Harris
Superintendent