Greetings Panther Families,

The safety and health of the students, staff and River Rouge community are our priority. In an effort to protect our students and families, we will work proactively with Federal, State and County health officials to contain COVID-19.

As we consider recommendations from the experts and navigate this unprecedented situation surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to share key points of what RRHS is doing:

* **Continue promoting good hygiene habits!** This is incredibly effective at slowing transmission.
* **Bringing on additional custodial staff and expanding disinfection** work to include frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, handles, and light switches daily.
* **Please keep your child home if they’re sick.**While illness might be mild for one individual, that may not be the case for all you come in contact with, especially those who have compromised immune systems and those who are elderly.
* **Rescheduling/canceling events**, including assemblies, where large groups are expected to attend. (Such as Grammy’s, Market Day, etc.)
* **Preparing academic plans and resources for students in the event of an extended closure.**We realize that “online learning” is not an option for all of our students and families.  We are working as an organization to make sure all students are provided with needed support.
* **Preparing plans for contingent services, such as social emotional support or food services,** in the event that closure becomes necessary.
* **Canceling all field trips**
* **Canceling all domestic and international travel**
* **Adding instant hand sanitizer** to the high school on each floor
* **Limiting (postponing/canceling) large gatherings of 100+ people.**We are following the direction of governing organizations such as MHSAA that canceled all events and activities including basketball, track, baseball, soccer etc.

Please know that we share your questions and concerns regarding your safety and health in relation to the virus. At this point, we are following the guidance of Federal, State, and City health officials regarding the status of school operations. However, we continue to evaluate our short and long-term strategies regarding the status of school to ensure everyone’s health and safety. We will provide continuous communication with you directly, regarding our plan. There are many questions that we cannot address as we await guidance from the federal and state government, education and health officials. Please know that we are working aggressively on your behalf to ask those questions and press for answers.

I want to end this communication with informing you all that we do not have a confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus at RRHS or River Rouge, so we are being very proactive because your child’s safety is our first priority!

Principal Davis