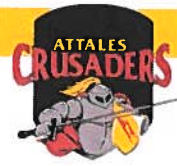




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Dear Families of Absecon:

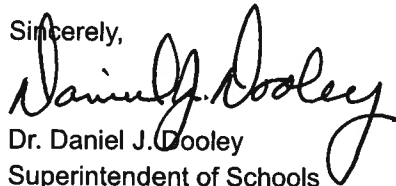
The priority of the Absecon School District will always be the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff. Most recently, there has been heightened awareness and concern in the United States of the possible spread of the Coronavirus. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) in coordination with the New Jersey Department of Health have issued guidance for schools in order to communicate potential impacts and mitigate risks of the virus. The latest guidance encourages school districts to monitor student and staff health concerns, if they arise, and to continue practicing universal preventative measures recommended through the Center for Disease Control. We are working to do all of these on a daily basis to support the wellness of our students and staff.

Our custodians and staff have been diligent throughout the cold and flu season using the best practices to maintain the cleanliness of our buildings, including our state of the art bio blaster device effective on eliminating airborne and hard surfaces containing virus and bacteria. In addition, we have encouraged preventative habits, including classroom lessons and demonstrations by our Nurse. We will remain proactive in monitoring the Coronavirus, communicating any further directives, and maintaining health and wellness best practices. As with any instance that surrounds the health of our students and staff, we will continue our efforts to coordinate with certified health professionals within our schools, communicate with the NJDOE and Department of Health as needed, and monitor any updates that may arise within our school community.

If you would like to learn more about the Coronavirus, please visit the Center for Disease Control website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Health continues to update their website about the virus and how it is impacting our area at <https://www.nj.gov/health/>.

In closing, I want to reiterate that we take the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff very seriously and we will continue to keep everyone updated and informed as necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact our schools if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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