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Dear Lyle Public School Families:

As our nation and world learns to adjust through the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Lyle administration and staff are also preparing and taking precautions through this situation. This is a rapidly changing situation and despite the many rumors, we wanted to share with you our current status in our preparedness plan.

The Lyle Administration is in daily consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We are following their guidance and recommendations on all fronts. We are continuing to reinforce measures to mitigate and help all personnel walking through our building. These measures include:

- Washing your hands often
- Cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Staying home when feeling ill
- Closely monitoring students and staff and sending home those with fevers
- We have installed more hand sanitizing stations in rooms.

Although many schools across the country have decided to close, the current recommendation from all above organizations is for schools to remain open. Currently, the Lyle Public School, as well as the SMEC schools, have no intentions of closing. Still, we are preparing for closure if so recommended in the future. We want to inform you of what families should prepare for in case it comes to that. We shall implement a “distance learning option,” which changes the location of instruction. Please know our teachers are preparing for this option, such as:

- Secondary students using email, Google Classroom, and/or Schoology to communicate with teachers for schoolwork. We may send schoolwork home with students if the situation allows. We are also working on how to successfully implement this for those with limited or no access to internet.
- Elementary students may have projects/assignments to work on to extend their learning during an absence.

We are asking all of you to stay informed during this rapidly changing environment. We hope we are not faced with an outbreak in our local area and school, but please know we are carefully monitoring this situation and will continue to communicate with you as things develop. Please monitor our district website and social media for any further updates pertaining to this pandemic.

Thank you for entrusting Lyle Public School with your child’s education and well-being!

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