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All,

I want to assure all of our parents, students, staff, families, and communities that we are in constant contact with the Tennessee Department of Health, Sumner County Health Department, Sumner County Emergency Management Agency and others to monitor the COVID-19 worldwide health concern. It is a serious concern for all of us, and we are treating it that way. According to the Tennessee Department of Health, we do not have any confirmed cases in Sumner County at this time. We are proactively preparing and taking every precaution to keep our school communities healthy and safe.

Our district leadership team has a plan to deal with COVID-19 as it impacts our schools and communities.

- **Clean Buildings**

All campus buildings will be stringently cleaned and disinfected using approved products that treat COVID-19 during spring break according to current CDC recommendations.

- **Clear Communication**

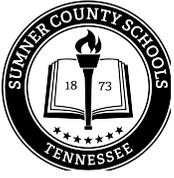
In the event of an individual school and/or district-wide closure, parents will be notified via the district website, SchoolMessenger, and the district Facebook page. The district webpage will also display a current list of school closures.

- **Important Information**

The district website contains a page with Frequently Asked Questions and current information on COVID-19. You can access this website via the attached link: www.sumnerschools.org/covid-19info

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- **Student Absenteeism**

We encourage any parent who suspects their child is displaying symptoms to stay home and seek medical care. We have already communicated a plan for high school exam flexibility. We plan to work with parents on a case-by-case basis to keep our students safe and healthy.

- **School Trips and Extracurricular Activities**

Our commitment to protect the safety of our students and staff will require us to operate differently with regard to extracurricular activities and sports. In order to help mitigate the spread of the virus, we will have to take some extraordinary measures. We ask for everyone's understanding and patience as we work to alleviate the impact to our students, athletes, coaches, and staff.

In closing, our school system will do everything possible to keep our students, staff, and families as healthy as possible during this worldwide health event. I realize that some or many may not understand or agree with the decision to stay open, close the district, or close individual schools, but please understand those decisions are not made lightly. We rely on multiple sources of information and guidance to arrive at a decision, including state and local health officials. We ask that everyone work together to navigate this historic health event.

To help answer questions or concerns, the Tennessee Department of Health has launched a Tennessee Coronavirus Public Information hotline. The number is 1-877-857-2945 and will be available from 10am to 10pm daily.

In highest regard,

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