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March 12, 2020

Dear Perspectives Families,

In the spirit of communicating effectively and living a healthy lifestyle, I write with an update regarding Perspectives' response to the novel COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. ***Thankfully, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 at any Perspectives campus.*** Nonetheless, Perspectives is working diligently to ensure that our campuses provide a healthy environment for student learning, and your school leader will continue to update you.

Out of the abundance of caution, we are taking the following preventative actions:

### **We resource our classrooms for wellness**

All teachers and staff members received Lysol spray, Lysol cleaning wipes, and hand sanitizer. These are located in each classroom and office space. We encourage all staff and teachers to clean and wipe surfaces frequently throughout the school day.

### **We encourage all students and staff to practice good hand washing hygiene**

We encourage all students to use appropriate hand-washing techniques that reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory disease: use soap and water for at least 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that is 65-90% alcohol-based. Posters describing these techniques are now placed in all campus restrooms. Additionally, please avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, mouth) as much as possible.

### **We follow Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance for students and staff to stay home when sick**

Students and staff with acute respiratory symptoms should stay home until they are free from fever (100.4°F) for at least 24 hours. Absences due to illness will be excused, per Perspectives' handbook. Please be sure to notify your child's school office so we can record the excused absence.

### **All Perspectives campuses are thoroughly disinfected on a daily basis**

All common touch surfaces, including but not limited to door handles, handrails, and keyboards are disinfected on a daily basis.

### **All Perspectives student lockers will be cleaned with a powerful, but safe alcohol-based cleaning spray**

Each school, including your child's locker has been, or will soon be, cleaned with a powerful antiviral and antibacterial spray. This cleanser is safe and will provide an additional layer of prevention. Your child's school principal will follow up with details about your campus's locker cleaning.

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## **We encourage all to follow CDPH guidance for all students or staff returning from level 2 or 3 countries (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea)**

If you or your child has recently traveled out of the country, please let your school principal know immediately. All staff are following CDPH guidance with respect to travel.

## **We show compassion for others**

This is a critical time in our global history, and now more than ever we need our 26 Principles to guide our actions and plans. Please remind your child to lead with compassion during this time. COVID-19 does not distinguish between race, nationality, or geographic borders. Stigma and discrimination discourages early reporting of symptoms and further perpetuates community spread. Please remind your child that disparaging comments or even joking about this can be extremely hurtful and intimidating. If your child has a concern, please tell them to alert an adult immediately.

## **Planning For Spring Break: April 6-April 10, 2020**

We are aware that many families, faculty, and staff have planned travel to domestic and international locations for spring break. I urge you to stay informed and follow the recommendations from the [U.S. State Department](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before and during your trip. As of today, anyone traveling from a Level 3 Travel Health Notice country needs to quarantine themselves for 14 days from the day they return regardless of symptoms. For the school's purposes, please contact your child's school office if you are planning to travel to a Level 3 or a Level 2 destination. Note: individual country status may change over the next two weeks and this form will be updated and shared again if needed.

Your wellbeing as our Perspectives family is our first concern. We thank you in advance as we navigate this complex situation. We hope that you continue to live A Disciplined Life, and show compassion, as we as school leaders, seek wisdom and take initiative to ensure that our community's health is safeguarded.

Sincerely,

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