



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Dear YCSD families and staff,

As you are probably aware, the first positive test results for COVID-19 (coronavirus) infection were reported in Virginia over the weekend. As this situation continues to evolve daily, I am writing to provide an update on the work underway in the York County School Division (YCSD) to prepare for any potential impact in our community.

Friday afternoon, division staff participated in a conference call with Dr. James Lane, superintendent for Public Instruction in Virginia, and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). This call provided guidance related to the possibility of school closures and continued educational opportunities for students in the event of such a closure. Our collaboration team continues to develop our plans in accordance with this guidance.

In the meantime, be assured that we are implementing prevention and preparedness action steps from the division’s pandemic plan. Our custodial staff are trained to follow CDC guidelines for cleaning surfaces throughout our buildings to prevent and limit the spread of viruses. Students and staff should continue best practices to help prevent illness, including washing hands often with soap and water, covering coughs/sneezes, and staying home when sick.

We are committed to keeping you informed and will provide updates as new information becomes available. Additionally, the YCSD [website](#) will continue to be updated with resources and information from Frequently Asked Questions received through the [AskYCSD](#) account.

Sincerely,

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Division Superintendent

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