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Dear Forrest City School District Families and Patrons:

The Forrest City School District (FCSD) is aware of ongoing concerns regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and is following the guidance of the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

According to the Arkansas Department of Health website, as of March 10, 2020, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Arkansas. The health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our highest priority. As a precautionary measure, the FCSD is rescheduling this year's senior trip, which will now take place in May. The district is also utilizing our contracted cleaning service and the maintenance department to sanitize campuses and has ordered additional Centers for Disease Control approved cleaning agents and disinfectant. The FCSD will also:

- Ensure all bathrooms are continuously stocked with soap and paper towels, and encourage students and staff to wash hands frequently;
- Ensure principals and school nurses have the resources and guidance needed to detect and report symptoms exhibited at school and provide approved health guidance for any affected individuals;
- Work closely with the St. Francis County Health Department and the ADH to continuously update our protocols as the situation continues and;
- Provide ongoing communication to families, staff, and our patrons as new developments are learned.

The FCSD is monitoring absenteeism and encouraging staff and students to stay home if they have been in close contact with someone known to have COVID 19 and exhibit fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

As a reminder, the FCSD is emphasizing the importance of practicing general viral infection prevention measures, including:

- Covering a cough or sneeze with tissue or sleeve;
- Washing hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Avoiding touching of the face;
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- Get a flu shot;
- Stay home if there are symptoms of illness, as well as notify a doctor of any symptoms and recent travel history.

The FCSD appreciates your understanding in light of the situation and will continue to provide communication updates as the latest facts arise. Updates will be provided through district resources as they come to light.

Respectfully:

The Forrest City School District