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Destry Brown, Superintendent

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Cardinal Parents/Guardians,

The District has closely been monitoring the developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). It is important to note that to date, **there have been no confirmed cases in Henry County**. As the situation with COVID-19 is evolving and changing quickly, please be reassured that the Clinton School District has taken, or will take, the following steps to protect student, staff and community health:

- The District will continue to receive information from, and communicate closely with, local, state and national health agencies and professionals.
- District leaders and department heads, along with health professionals, have met and are evaluating current crisis and emergency plans related to health and illness. The District will utilize this plan if needed.
- The District will continue to use both routine and specialized cleaning methods to provide extra disinfection in classrooms, school buildings and school buses.
- Activities, performances or other large group gatherings, may be canceled by the District or by other organizations, such as MSHSAA.
- While the District appreciates the volunteers who give of their time to our schools, the District is asking that all volunteering in the schools come to an end for the time being.
- As Spring Break approaches, we understand that families may have travel plans. Since we know that this virus is currently prevalent in other countries and other areas of the United States, we encourage you to use health precautions when traveling and to check the CDC Travel Advisory page for more info.
- We must all work together to make decisions in the best interest of our families. If your child has lung disease, heart disease or diabetes, and you believe it is necessary for your child to be at home, please inform their school. **As a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they are sick.** If your child is ill, or has had direct exposure to someone with a known case of COVID-19, do not be concerned about them missing school. The district will work with families concerning any absence as we are adjusting our attendance policies to accommodate this situation.
- In the coming days, the District website (www.clintoncardinals.org) will contain additional information for your reference about what to do if you or a family member is exhibiting the symptoms that are consistent with coronavirus. The GVMH clinic and hospital have implemented a plan in partnership with the Henry County Health Department. You can also refer to their websites for that information.

- And finally, parents need to be aware that if the District is advised to close school, it is best if your family already has a contingency plan in place. If the district should be closed, it may be for an extended amount of time. The District will notify parents of a school closure using the same methods we communicate weather-related closures. Please check our social media sites along with our website for information that may become available during Spring Break.

It is not our intent to cause alarm or panic regarding the coronavirus, but instead to provide information so that families can prepare for all possibilities. We will continue to monitor the situation daily, and take advice from professionals as we make decisions that are in the best interest of our students, their families and our staff. If you have any questions, please contact me at 660-885-2237 or debrown@clintoncardinals.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Destry Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Destry Brown
Superintendent
Clinton School District