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Good morning everyone,

As you are probably all aware by now, the Coronavirus has reached the state of Oregon. At the time of this writing there are still only a few confirmed cases in the state, but the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) anticipates that going up dramatically in the next few days. For the time being there are no known cases south of Portland or west of the coastal range.

Last week I met with Marci and Carl and directed them to purchase items that would allow the district to be proactive instead of reactive to the Coronavirus. Yesterday we received a large shipment of supplies with more arriving on Thursday.

Here is the approach we will be taking over the next few weeks as we fight the spread of the virus. At CVE yesterday, a couple dozen hand sanitizer stations were installed throughout the building. We have enough sanitizer to last into May or beyond depending on usage. At WLE we will add some sanitizing stations today. At CJSB and WIHS we have purchased self-standing sanitizer stations those will be set up in the main hallways today. Again, depending on usage we have enough sanitizer to last well into May. At Lincoln we have sinks in half of the classrooms that students will use to wash hands. For the other side of the hallway those students will need to access the restrooms for hand washing multiple times a day. This brings us to one of the more important aspects of fighting the Coronavirus, HAND WASHING. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is very clear, the first line of defense is hand washing. Encourage your students to be washing their hands regularly throughout the day. Students should also avoid touching their face (or someone else's face), avoid shaking hands (fist bumps are okay), I also need you to teach students how to cover their face when they cough or sneeze.

Please have your students clean or sanitize their hands before they use chromebooks – it will not be easy to disinfect the keyboards, so have students clean their hands before they use them.

The district has also purchased several spray bottles. Marci and her team have filled those with the same disinfectant that hospitals use. We are asking that at the end of each day the desks/tables in each classroom are wiped down by the teachers. You will be given a special towel to go along with the spray bottle. We will also be disinfecting our buses several times throughout the day. In the evening, our custodial staff will be wiping down high use areas with disinfectant – door knobs, handles, chairs, etc. In the event we have a need in the district we have purchased multiple foggers that can disinfect large areas overnight. We do not intend to use these products unless something comes up that requires us to do so.

Finally, with regards to the state basketball tournament and the events coming out of eastern Oregon. As long as the OHA and OSAA say it is safe for the tournament to take place, Coquille will be involved in the tournament. We will of course monitor that situation closely and I am in contact with OSAA executive director Peter Weber to make sure our students, parents, and coaches are safe.

If you have questions do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

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