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Dear Holton Families:

Holton Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students and staff and providing accurate information about the COVID - 19 pandemic. There are currently no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Muskegon County and our attendance rates are over 90%. Last evening, Governor Whitmer issued "interim recommendations for COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies" for employers, colleges and universities, assisted living centers, child care centers and schools. We all have a responsibility to help limit the spread of this disease. Below are ways to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We are implementing ongoing efforts to reduce the transmission of germs by increasing our cleaning protocols including classrooms, cafeteria, and buses; teaching good hand washing hygiene; keeping sick students and staff separated until they can go home; and communicating with Public Health - Muskegon County. We will not be hosting any building wide assemblies in an effort to prevent transmission. We encourage you to keep your children home if they have a fever or experience flu-like symptoms. The district is working collaboratively with public health officials and local school districts to make the best decisions possible for our students and staff. There are currently no cases of COVID-19 in Muskegon County. Play performances scheduled for this weekend are currently on as scheduled.

We know that the media attention regarding this pandemic can lead to fear and panic. Please consider using this resource to help have conversations with your children.

https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource

I will continue to keep you informed as we learn more about efforts to mitigate the transmission of this disease. We will get through this together! Wishing you all good health.

Respectfully,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent



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