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Dear Parents, School District Staff and Families:

We are writing to you because we value the health and well-being of our students, staff and families and our connection with the one-day closure of Mt. View Elementary in the Shelton School District regarding the possible exposure to COVI-19 (Coronavirus).

We were made aware that an MMK staff member may have been in contact with an employee of the Shelton School District over the weekend. Our MMK employee, who is showing no symptoms, is staying home as a precaution. The MMK staff member came in contact with her daughter who works at Mt. View Elementary in the Shelton School District and with the Shelton SD staff member who has a spouse that is a first responder who may have been exposed to the COVI-19 (coronavirus) and has been quarantined at home despite showing no symptoms. Mt. View Elementary closed on March 3, 2020 for cleaning/disinfecting as a precaution and is scheduled to resume school on March 4, 2020

At MMK, we disinfected the employee's work area on the evening of March 2, 2020. We will be disinfecting the rest of the building this evening March 3, 2020 as well as a precautionary measure. We wanted to make you aware of this most recent event.

Our district follows health care expert guidance and practice recommendations. We are sharing this information so you are aware and can help reduce the spread of infection. The following practices are extremely important for all students and adults:

- Do not bring your student to school if they do not feel well or have cold or flu-like symptoms (elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath). Keep your student home.
- Do not come to work at the school if you do not feel well or have cold or flu-like symptoms (elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath). Stay home.
- Wash hands often with soap and water. If you do not have soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sneeze and cough into a tissue, elbow or sleeve instead of your hands. Throw used tissues in a garbage container immediately after use. If you use your hands to cover a sneeze or cough, wash your hands immediately with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid rubbing your eyes, touching your nose or putting your fingers by or in your mouth.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) share information about COVID-19 at:

- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus#beprepared>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

A Washington State DOH phone line is also available for any questions. Call 1-800-525-0127 and press #. The district takes this health risk very seriously. School district information will be posted on the district website and updated as new information is available. Please contact me at 360-426-6767 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Mallery'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Matt' being larger and more prominent than the last name 'Mallery'.

Matt Mallery
Superintendent