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Dear SSMCS Family,

This is a special message focusing on Silver Sands' plans and response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus situation. As you are likely aware, yesterday, the Governor declared a State of Emergency. SSMCS continues to work closely with our State sponsor, SPCSA, who is coordinating between the Nevada Department of Education and the Governor's Office; as well as the Southern Nevada Health District in a community response to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff. At the moment, there are no plans for school closure. A direction has been strongly recommended by our State sponsor to align our additional precautions with those taken by the larger school districts in our state. In alignment with those districts, Silver Sands' goal is to remain open and educate our children and provide a sense of stability for students, employees, and families. Silver Sands will be adopting the following precautions, requesting your cooperation and support.

- All school field trips, athletics, extra-curricular activities, assemblies, practices, and events are suspended effective immediately until further notice.
 - The sports league has cancelled all games until further notice. The league issued an invoice to the school for the current season, thus, as this financial issue is resolved, we will be either returning fees or refunding any difference. Mr. Johnny in coordination with the team coaches will be contacting families on further updates.
 - All after school activities and clubs, including Test Prep, Robotics, Yoga, Science Club, and Theater.
 - Activities and events scheduled toward the end of the school year will be evaluated as we progress through this situation.
- Restrictions on international and out-of-state student travel remain.
- At this time, before and after-school care will continue operating to support students and families.
- SSMCS has increased the cleaning of all surfaces, as a proactive approach to preventing the possible spread of COVID-19.
- We have made the decision to suspend all out-of-state student and staff travel until further notice. This affects 5th and 8th grade Milestone Trips and Ms. Marlo will be sending out a separate email to address them specifically, as she will be looking into the option of possibly rescheduling.
- We strongly encourage any student or staff member who is feeling sick to stay home. If a student or staff member is sick with a fever, cough, or any flu symptoms, please stay home.

Teachers will encourage students of the simple actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, and we encourage our families to do the same at home:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover cough and sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

The Governor announced the creation of the new "Nevada Health Response" website to provide up-to-date information, guidance, and news pertaining to COVID-19. You can access the website at <https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov> for regular updates. Should a case impact a school directly, we will update parents, staff, and the community regarding next steps.

Thank you,
SSMCS Admin Team

"Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole, which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future."

-Dr. Maria Montessori