



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating and inspiring students to achieve their personal best

Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents & Staff,

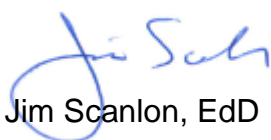
Our custodial staff has completed an intensive cleaning of Henderson High School, and the school will reopen tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11.

A 15-person crew worked overnight and throughout today using a hospital-grade cleaner. It is standard practice in the district to use this heavy-duty disinfectant from October 31 to March 1 every year in all of our schools as we fight flu and cold season. Large areas of the building were also treated using specialized equipment that delivers an electric charge to a liquid cleaner so that it fully wraps around and covers surfaces. The custodial crew wore protective gear as they cleaned. We are very appreciative of their diligent work.

We closed the school out of an abundance of caution after receiving notification on Monday that a Henderson student was exposed at a healthcare office in King of Prussia last week to a person who tested positive for the coronavirus. The student is not exhibiting any symptoms, nor is the student being tested for the virus at this time. However, the student and family are under a 14-day quarantine and will not return to school until the quarantine is lifted. The Chester County Health Department informed us that there is no need to screen or quarantine any of our students or staff. They do not believe exposure to this student posed a threat.

We will continue to clean all of our schools and offices diligently and promote frequent handwashing. We're trying to strike the balance between being prudent and cautious but also not inciting panic. Thanks for your patience and support.

Sincerely,



Jim Scanlon, EdD
Superintendent