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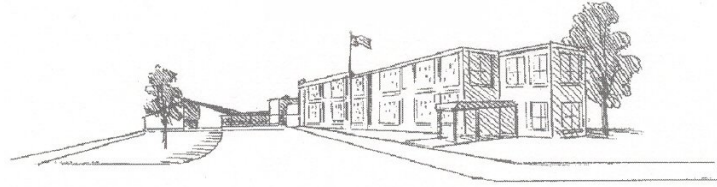
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"Hartford Central School, a community of educators, students, parents, and friends, dedicates itself to developing citizens who are productive and compassionate, and who, through their creativity and responsibility, will be assets to the greater community."

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To All Parents/Guardians:

As you may be aware, Washington County Public Health is currently monitoring three Washington County residents who have reported close contact with an individual testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. Listed below is link to the public safety notice from Washington County:

<https://www.washingtoncountyny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=868>

While the district does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we are keenly aware of the concerns related to the spread of this virus, and aspire to provide updated and accurate information to all of our parents and guardians.

The district has been made aware that over the weekend some Hartford students were near individuals who are in relation to those associated with the CVS Pharmacy quarantine. After discussing the situation, the Washington County Department of Health is not recommending that the district take any additional action at this time.

It is important to note that:

- to date, no Hartford student, parent/guardian, or employee has been diagnosed with, or is exhibiting any symptoms of the virus; and
- the district has consulted with the school medical director and has received guidance on appropriate protocols to best protect the safety and health of our students, parents, employees, and community members.

On February, 28, 2020 the district sent home a letter that discussed infectious disease protocols, the steps the district was taking to minimize the spread of viruses, and provided website sites to for additional information. However, as a reminder, according to the NYS Department of Health, there are a number of steps that students, staff, and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19:

- Wash your 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 your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The district remains in communication with our local health departments and will be notified if there is a suspected or if a known case of COVID-19 emerges. If the district becomes aware that a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will immediately provide notification.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Cook". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Cook
Superintendent of Schools