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Good morning, Washburn families, this is Dr. Palmer, your principal. I am calling to follow up on the communication that you received yesterday from the district about the Coronavirus.

We are following the guidelines of the Minnesota Department of Health, and right now, they are telling school districts to stay open. Minneapolis will continue to follow the advice of public health experts, and if they determine that we should close, then we will. For now, we do expect to be in school next week.

As a preventative measure, they are recommending that we cancel large events, so we will not be holding concerts, games, field trips or other events until further notice.

Unfortunately, that means we have several specific cancelations here at Washburn. The following events are canceled: tonight's band concert, Monday's orchestra concert, Wednesday's SoulFest, Thursday's Theater 1 performance, and College Planning night next Monday 23rd. We will work on sharing performances by video and/or rescheduling them. Also, all evening parent meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

There have been no cases of Coronavirus at Washburn or in any Minneapolis schools. You will be notified if that changes, and we do have response protocols in place.

Please join us in reminding your students that the best way to prevent the spread of disease includes washing hands, coughing & sneezing into elbows, not sharing drinks, and staying home if you feel sick.

We will continue to update families & students as we have new information. In the meantime, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

We will face this as a community and handle it together.

Thank you so much, and have a great weekend!