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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We continue to monitor the latest information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). With multiple confirmed cases in Indiana, we want all families to be prepared should the virus be detected in our own community. We are in close contact with the Gibson County Health Department and will continue to rely on their trusted expertise. Please understand our school district leadership is considering all possible scenarios to protect the well-being of our students as we monitor COVID-19.

We ask that parents/guardians please consider the following information to help you and your family be prepared:

- At this point, there has not been a confirmed case in our region. However, in monitoring the spread of this virus throughout the United States and the rest of the world, it is very clear things can change suddenly, as was the case in Avon, Indiana. It was confirmed Sunday afternoon that an Avon student tested positive for the virus and Avon schools were closed today. Avon has now announced they will be closed for the next two weeks.
- In the event that NGSC schools are required to close, I encourage all parents to develop plans now for your children. Unlike winter weather-related closures, school districts in other states that have closed for COVID-19 have shut down for one or two weeks. We understand this would create a hardship for many of our families, especially if we are required to close with very little advanced notice.
- We will continue to share updated information with you through emails, texts and social media on Facebook. Additionally, in the event of extended school closure, NGSC teachers are prepared to deliver instruction through E-learning should that be an allowable course of action. We are creating a section on our webpage (www.ngsc.k12.in.us) that will house all the necessary resources for parent and student use in the event E-learning occurs.

We will continue to stay in close contact with the Indiana Department of Education as they are issuing guidance to Indiana's school districts. We want our families to be prepared for all possible scenarios, including an extended closure of schools, should COVID-19 become an issue locally. All decisions will be made in the best interest of the health of our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Harmon, Superintendent