March 13, 2020

Dear Imagine Schools Team and Family,

The expansion of the coronavirus COVID-19 in Prince George's County and across the state of Maryland has resulted in the closure of all public schools in Prince George's County from Monday, March 16 through Tuesday, March 31. During this time, our Facilities Team will continue to focus on thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting Imagine Schools’ buildings. The steps outlined below will ensure our schools receive deep cleaning and disinfecting to prevent spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19.

All Imagine Schools buildings in Prince George’s County will be closed from this evening to the morning of Tuesday, March 17, at which time deep cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted by our Facilities Team Members until the entire buildings are disinfected. We believe this may take 2-3 days at each building. This closure is following PGCPS’ protocol and CDC guidelines, and allows the Facilities Teams to work in a safer environment when they are cleaning and disinfecting the buildings.

On March 17, the Facilities Teams will return to our Imagine Schools buildings to provide deep cleaning and disinfecting wipe down of the entire school buildings, again following CDC guidelines, which includes cleaning and wipe down disinfecting of all hard surfaces in classrooms, offices, cafeteria, multi-purpose rooms and other spaces, using 70% alcohol or 1/3 bleach per gallon water disinfectant solutions, focused on disinfecting frequently touched objects surfaces, including:

- Desks, tables and countertops;
- Keyboards and phones;
- Railings;
- Doorframes, doors and door knobs;
- Light switches;
- Hands-on learning items and toys;
- Lavatory fixtures and faucet handles; and,
- Lavatory walls.

Cleaning removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects. Cleaning works by using soap (or detergent) and water to physically remove germs from surfaces. This process does not necessarily kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection. The surfaces are rinsed with water and disinfectant is then sprayed and wiped with an EPA-registered disinfectant to kill any remaining germs and viruses. Once deep cleaning and disinfecting is completed, the school buildings will remain shut down until the Facilities Teams return on March 26 and March 27 to conduct additional cleaning and set up for the re-opening of the Prince George’s County Public Schools.
As we take extra precautions to prevent the spread of disease within our school buildings and communities, please remember to take the following precautions to reduce the spread of germs:

- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue, and then dispose of that tissue after use
  - If you don’t have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your upper sleeve
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

We continue to monitor this evolving situation closely, and will update the Imagine Schools Team and Family as necessary. The health and safety of our scholars and staff is our highest priority, and we will continue to make our campuses safe during the closing of the Imagine Schools campuses. As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns at David.Miller@imagineschools.org or 443.827.4264.

Sincerely,

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