April 16, 2020

Dear Highlander Family,

LHP continues to carefully monitor the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am writing to you this evening to let you know that we were informed earlier today that one of our employees in the lower school tested positive in late March with the COVID-19 virus or Coronavirus. The employee has not been on campus since early March and has fully recovered. Furthermore, all of the employee’s family members have tested negative, and as you know, the campus was closed on March 12, 2020.

The health and safety of our Highlander community remain our top priority. We have been in regular contact with the Florida Department of Health and implemented the recommended protocol from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If you are exhibiting flu-like symptoms (e.g., fever, shortness of breath, coughing, etc.), please go to your medical provider to be checked. Although this pandemic situation is unpredictable and changes daily, there are several things you can do to take precautions as instructed by the CDC located at this link.

As a reminder, please know that since early March, and in some cases weeks prior, there has been a concentrated focus on prevention and precautionary measures on both of our campuses:

- Conducted deep cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and common areas, and instituted additional cleaning measures on a nightly basis. We also commenced treatment of all classrooms with hospital-grade virucide.
- Initiated more aggressive sanitation measures by our Facilities crews to thoroughly clean and frequently wipe down commonly touched surfaces, including desks, doors, public spaces, and bathroom fixtures during the day and evening.
- Purposely educated students and employees about best hygiene practices to help decrease the spread of any flu or virus. On both campuses, we posted educational posters and notices about handwashing techniques, covering one’s mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, avoiding touching one’s eyes, nose, and mouth, and staying home if sick.
- Stocked all classrooms with sanitizing supplies.
- Installed additional portable handwashing stations on both campuses.

In the event that you have, or a person that you have come in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19, and you are unsure of who to inform at LHP, please call and leave a message at 407-206-1900 in the general mailbox by waiting for the tone, or send an email to lhps@lhps.org and your message will be handled confidentially.
Thank you for your understanding and support, and if should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff at the contact info above.

Warmest regards,

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