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Caddo Families,

Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards has announced the first confirmed case of coronavirus in Caddo Parish. The individual is not affiliated with Caddo Schools and has no connection to the district. We are continuing to work with the Louisiana Department of Public Health and Caddo Parish government officials. We will continue to follow the guidance from health experts in this continuously evolving situation.

As we shared with our families last week, we are taking extra steps to keep our students and employees safe. Some of these proactive measures include:

- We are increasing sanitation efforts in our schools and buildings, including restrooms, cafeterias, classrooms and other common areas.
- If a current student or staff member has traveled to a country on the CDC's risk assessment list, out of an abundance of caution, we are requesting that these students and staff wait for the 14-day incubation period to expire before returning to school or work.
- We're asking new families who register whether the student has traveled internationally within the last two weeks.
- We're also monitoring absences daily, limiting large-scale assemblies, and limiting student travel for school events.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.caddoschools.org/coronavirus for daily updates and information on the district's response to coronavirus. Health officials have shared that the best ways to prevent the spread of the coronavirus are the same preventions recommended by the flu and common cold.

- Stay home and seek appropriate medical attention if you are sick.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and place it immediately in the trash.

We hear our families and staff's concerns about coronavirus, and I share those concerns. We take the health and safety of our community seriously. Even with the positive case in Caddo Parish, the Louisiana Office of Public Health says the risk to the general public is low. The overall risk to children also remains low.

As this situation is ever evolving, we are this update as part of our community to being transparent and keeping you well informed. Thank you for your partnership and we will keep you updated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Lamar Goree".

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