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The recent spread of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) worldwide is certainly cause for concern. The Hall County School District continues to monitor the situation and follow guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the State Department of Education.

Based on a recommendation from the Center for Disease Control, the district has assembled a team to prepare a plan founded on the guidelines and best practices provided by the above-mentioned agencies. The plan will include measures designed to minimize the chance of the virus spreading should an outbreak occur in our area, as well as steps the district can take now to protect students and staff. The team is comprised of members representing the following departments: emergency management, health services, student services, technology, maintenance, communications, and teaching and learning. Mamie Coker, the Health Services Coordinator for the Hall County School District will lead the team.

The Center for Disease Control has provided a set of protocols for schools to follow when faced with COVID-19. Those protocols range in severity from zero to seven. The Hall County School District and the state of Georgia are currently at level zero, which addresses prevention and preparations.

The Hall County School District went through a similar process in 2009 when the flu (H1N1) pandemic threatened to affect our community. Because of that experience, protocols are currently in place to address a pandemic scenario. We have a solid foundation on which to build with regard to preventing and addressing COVID-19 should an outbreak occur.

We share the public’s concern regarding the possible spread of COVID-19, and we will remain focused on taking a calm, deliberate, and proactive approach to protecting the health of students, staff, and the Hall County community.

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