Coronavirus Disease 2020 (COVID-19) Update

West Canada Valley is aware that the Coronavirus situation is causing concern and confusion which is understandable. It is important to remember that there are no confirmed cases in our area. West Canada administration and staff are monitoring the situation and following guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control, the NYS Department of Health, Herkimer County Public Health Department, and the NYS Education Department. West Canada has taken steps to reduce the spread of this and other viruses that spread in a similar manner. Our maintenance staff is paying special attention to “high touch” areas around the buildings. These include: door handles, desks/tables, railings, faucet handles, drinking fountain push bars, and light switches. We are also making extra cleaning supplies available to interested Staff for use at their convenience.

The Centers for Disease Control and NYS Department of Health have recommended the following steps to minimize the spread of all respiratory illness, including Coronavirus:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

West Canada Valley is continuing to work with our local and state partners to do everything we can to keep our students, staff, and community informed and healthy.