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Dear LTS Family,

I write this evening regarding how the school shares information within our community.

To the best of our knowledge, no member of our school community has tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Moreover, to the best of our knowledge, no member of our school community was symptomatic for COVID-19 while we were in session. Our campus is laying fallow through Monday, to be followed by a multi-day deep cleaning. We will deep clean again before we resume classes. If there were substantial updates to this information, we would notify our school community and investigate potential exposures. In doing so, we would follow the guidance of the Vermont Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

The Vermont Department of Health offers clear [advice](#) if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you think you may have been exposed and have flu-like symptoms (fever, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, or a cough), run, don't wait, to call your doctor's office or emergency department. This will enable your care providers to determine the best way for you to receive care. We do ask that you inform us if someone in your family is being tested for COVID-19 during this period when our campus is closed.

What we will not be doing is addressing rumors every time an LTS community member runs a fever. A fever may be a symptom for a range of causes unrelated to coronavirus, some of which may require medical care and sometimes even emergency attention. While limited COVID-19 testing persists (though more tests are becoming available), it may well be prudent for anyone with a fever to self-isolate and self-monitor. Please remember, however, that having a fever does not necessarily equate with COVID-19.

If you spend time with false rumors or scare stories, including ones generated within our own community, you are more likely to ignore real health advice. There is highly useful information out there, particularly from the CDC and the Vermont Department of Health. Let's pay attention to those most reliable sources so that, individually and collectively, we remain healthy and safe.

In trust,

/s/ Seth Linfield

Head of School