Dear Lee County Schools Stakeholder:

Lee County Schools is monitoring the ongoing developments with Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are following the guidance issued by the Alabama State Department of Education and The Alabama Department of Public Health. The leadership team meets daily to review, discuss, and apply information learned from resources related to this constantly evolving situation. We have two-way communication with a number of local and state agencies. Lee County Schools will continue to make safety and the health of all a priority focus. You will be informed of any and all changes to our daily operations via our standard methods of communication through our Blackboard Parent Link system and on all District social media platforms. We do have a plan and emergency operating procedures should they need to be enacted.

Please be advised the school system is making efforts to reduce the spread of any virus by encouraging and practicing good hygiene habits. You may help prevent the spread of a virus by practicing non-pharmaceutical interventions such as:

* Stay home when sick or present a fever
* Wash hands consistently with soap and water
* Cover coughs and sneezes
* Clean coats, backpacks, cell phones, and other potential germ contaminated articles
* Practice social distancing when in crowded places.

Additionally, if you, or any immediate family member, has traveled or has plans to travel to any areas of concern during the month of March 2020, please notify the Superintendent's office by calling (334) 705-6000. Current known areas of concern include China, Europe, South Korea, New York, Pacific Northwest (Washington State and Oregon), and any cruise ship. The areas of concern list continues to be updated. To find the most current lists, please refer to your local news or media outlet. Updated information will be posted on the Lee County Schools website as it becomes available. (www.lee.k12.al.us)

Respectfully,
Superintendent James E. McCoy