Dear Brilla Families,

We want to update you on what Brilla is doing to educate and protect our community in light of the developing information regarding the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We have created a coronavirus information page on the Brilla website, accessible from the Home page (https://brillaschools.org/coronavirus-update/) for ongoing updates.

We have assembled a coronavirus response task force at Brilla to monitor current guidelines and provide recommendations to the community. This task force will continue to monitor the local, state, and federal guidelines providing recommendations to best protect us all from illness. We are prepared to respond swiftly to any sudden changes and will keep our community informed of recommendations and updates.

One of the ways you can best help us keep Brilla healthy is to keep your child home if they have a fever and contact the primary care physician for follow up care. *Children may not return to school until they are fever-free without the use of Motrin or Tylenol for well over 24 hours.*

At this time, New York City has a couple of confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the risk to residents remains low. Viruses are best prevented by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or, if unable to wash, using alcohol-based (at least 60%) hand sanitizers.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Covering your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not with your hands).
- Staying away from people who are sick and staying home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

At this time, New Yorkers do *not* need to:

- Limit travel within the city.
- Avoid public gatherings and public transportation.
- Change anything about where you get your food or how you prepare it.
- Wear a face mask if you are not sick.

All families, faculty, and staff who are planning to travel during the April break are asked to please adhere to the travel restrictions and safety guidelines shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and The State Department Travel Advisories system. Please also share with your Brilla teacher or an Operations staff member any health-related issues that arise from your travel that might pose a risk to your child or the Brilla community.

We are also currently working with our custodial services to ensure our facilities remain as clean as possible. Please know how closely we are watching the situation, and how committed we are to the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Warm regards,

Mrs. LaVigne (Superintendent)