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Recorded message to families regarding Coronavirus

Good evening,

I am Dr. Jennifer Hefner, Superintendent of Alexander County Schools, with a message for our students, staff, and families. I understand you have questions about the coronavirus and its impact on our schools. I want to thank you for your patience and cooperation during this rapidly changing environment. We hope you are relying on credible sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for information. I want to stress that social media isn't always a credible source of information. Our system's leaders have designated a portion of our school district website as a means of communicating updates to you and our community regarding the impact on our schools. We will use social media to alert you when new information has been added. When we have major information to share, we will also use the call system to provide you with updates.

As you can imagine, we are in information overload and have fielded many questions and concerns over the past few days. I will continue to monitor this situation and make decisions as they are needed by working collaboratively with our local Health Department and following the advice of the CDC. Our system will also be diligent in our efforts to keep you informed. Please visit our [website](http://www.alexander.k12.nc.us) alexander.k12.nc.us and follow us on social media for additional updates. Thank you for helping to keep our students, staff, and community safe and healthy. I look forward to a normal school schedule on Monday. Have a super weekend!

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