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Dear Parents:

Subject: Pandemic Flu Update

We have been working with the Wayne County Health Department to ensure that we are prepared and up to date for a possible H1N1 flu season. There has been no change in the virus characteristics or disease patterns so far. The evolution of the virus is very unpredictable but the WCHD is monitoring the information from the CDC and the World Health Organization daily.

School closings are not recommended unless high staff and student absenteeism warrants. Closing schools have not proven effective in stopping transmission of the flu virus.

In addition to good hygiene practices, **H1N1 vaccine (available late Oct.-early Nov.) remains the single best means of protection.**

Families, students, and school staff can keep from getting sick with flu in 3 ways:

- **Practice good hand hygiene.** Students and staff members should wash their hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- **Practicing respiratory etiquette.** The main way that the flu spreads is from person to person in the droplets produced by coughs and sneezes, so it's important to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- **Staying home if you're sick.** This means that you keep the virus to yourself rather than sharing with others.

The District practices the required cleaning hygiene of schools and uses the required products for cleaning surfaces. All administrators are kept up to date on the latest information and will share any new information with families.

We must all take responsibility for helping to slow the spread of the virus to keep from getting sick with flu and protecting others from getting the flu.

Sincerely,

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