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Superintendent

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Dear Parents:

Today, May 7, 2009, we participated in another conference call with the Commissioner of Education, Dr. Mark McQuillan, and the CT Department of Health with Dr. Carter. Dr. Carter has issued a letter (see attached) that outlines procedures for handling students and staff infected with H1N1 (Swine Flu Virus). The State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) both have revised their advice to school districts regarding closures.

The virus is now being transmitted in what is called “community transmission”, which means cases can now occur from person to person and contact with persons from Mexico is no longer the main means of transmission. School closures would only be necessary in the event of extremely high absenteeism or a staffing shortage. Dr. Carter reiterated that the virus does not persist long on environmental surfaces, therefore, massive cleaning efforts are not needed. We are, however, making extra efforts to sanitize common areas such as bathrooms, offices, cafeterias and items such as door knobs and handles.

Sincerely,

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