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Dear District 128 Parents:

I am writing to assure you that District 128 is carefully monitoring the H1N1 flu virus situation. At this time, District 128 schools are operating as normal. While we are seeing a rise in the number of students who are staying home from school or leaving school with flu-like symptoms, our District absence rate for students with flu-like symptoms is below 5%. This number is consistent with other area schools at this time. According to the Lake County Health Department, this increased rate is typical of the winter flu season.

Our school nurses remain in regular communication with the Lake County Health Department regarding the flu, and we will continue to work closely with the Health Department, as they are the medical professionals whose guidance we follow regarding how to respond to this outbreak.

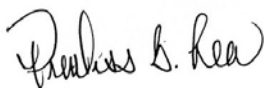
The best way to reduce the spread of H1N1 or any other virus is to practice good hygiene, and we encourage you to remind your children to wash their hands often, keep their hands away from their eyes, nose, and mouth, and cover coughs and sneezes with their sleeve or a tissue.

Please keep your child home from school if he/she shows any flu symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue, and contact your health care provider and the school immediately. We will continue to monitor the number of flu-related student and staff absences in our buildings. **Please note: The prompts you hear when calling your student's LST to report an absence have been modified to include the following:** "As you are aware, schools are tracking student absences related to flu like symptoms. If your child is ill please briefly describe their symptoms."

Students who come to school with flu symptoms will be evaluated by our nursing staff and will be sent home if they have a fever higher than 100 degrees. Students with the flu should stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

For ongoing updates, please continue to visit our school or district websites.

Sincerely,



Prentiss G. Lea
Superintendent