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Dear Parent(s)

As we move into our second month of the school year, we are continuing our close monitoring of H1N1 Swine Flu. Our nurses are tracking the daily illness rate in the schools for both students and staff. We continue to be in close contact with officials from the Central Connecticut Health District for updated guidelines. The CDC Flu View has shown that while Connecticut is experiencing cases on a local basis, widespread cases are reported as close as Pennsylvania. (Week of September 25th)

We will continue to stress preventative measures within all schools that include frequent hand washing and covering coughs or sneezes, and remaining at home when ill. All schools continue to be stocked with an ample supply of soap, hand sanitizer, and anti-bacterial wipes. Custodial cleaning tasks include wiping down frequently touched objects such as door knobs and computer keyboards.

As you may know, the H1N1 flu vaccine is currently being sent out to states. The Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD) wishes to gather information with regard to potential set up of school-based clinics to administer the H1N1 vaccine. **For the purpose of planning, the CCHD is asking that you complete the pre-registration form found on the back of this letter as well as on our website. Please complete the requested information and return it to your child's school nurse.** As this information is gathered, the CCHD will provide more specific information on the H1N1 vaccine.

We encourage you to visit our website to access H1N1 information including a link to the CDC website. Please be aware that the Connecticut State Department of Health has set up an H1N1 Influenza hotline at 1-800 830-9426. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation. We will keep you informed as we receive new information.

Sincerely,

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Michael Kohlhagen
Superintendent of Schools

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