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Dear Community Members:

The Novel H1N1 Swine Flu virus is expected to continue to impact the United States this fall. From our recent history, we know that this virus can have a significant impact upon the school district. Information regarding the virus has evolved since the first reported cases in April. Wethersfield Public Schools, in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Health and Federal Centers for Disease Control, stands ready to respond to an H1N1 outbreak and will work to minimize its impact through education, prevention, and communication.

Over the course of the summer, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have provided updated information regarding flu prevention, response to symptoms, and planning for a virus outbreak. These updates are located on the District website. Please access these links for further information regarding H1N1. As directed by federal and state health professionals, our schools will be stressing prevention through good hygiene practices that include frequent hand washing and covering coughs.

We will continue to be in close contact with Paul Hutcheon, Director of Health for the Central Connecticut Health District so that we have the most up to date information that we may pass along to you.

We are confident that with a concerted prevention effort, we can ensure that the H1N1 Flu does not disrupt the learning environment for our students and will maintain our healthy and safe community of schools. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school nurse for additional information.

Wishing You a Great 2009-2010 School Year,

Michael Kohlhagen  
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