

October 20, 2009

Dear Parents:

As many of you have heard or read, there are reports of the presence of flu or flu-like symptoms in our student population. In order to provide every parent with current information on this issue, I am listing below the absentee rate for October 20, 2009 in Grade four as well as the information shared with us from the parents who have consulted with their physician.

- Grade 4 – 25 students absent today out of 88 students enrolled in this grade; and
- All other grades – normal number of students absent for this time of year.

We have been informed by parents, that four cases of Influenza A have been confirmed and these students are at home under the care of their physicians. Also, several other students have been tested for Influenza and are awaiting results. To our knowledge, no student nor staff member has been identified with H1N1 (swine) flu.

Our nurses are checking students who are complaining of not feeling well and we are using the following guidelines from the District Depot of Health as the basis for sending students home:

- Fever (temperature of 100° or higher) with a persistent cough or a sore throat; body aches, headaches and fatigue.

If your child has been sent home, please do not send him/her to school until he or she has been fever free without medication for 24 hours.

Thank you for your help and understanding. Please know that we are working closely with the Northeast District Department of Health, they are aware of our present situation and their staff members are advising us on the procedures we are implementing.

If you have questions, our school nurses are available to respond to your questions and my phone number is 774-9153.

Sincerely,

Louise S. Berry

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