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Dear Parent/Guardian:

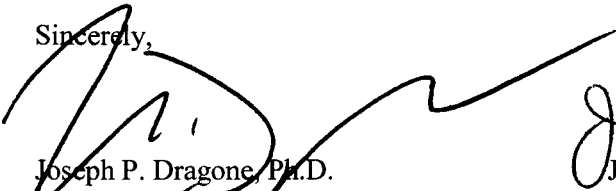
Our district has received updated information that we currently have one student at the High School and three Middle School students with lab confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu. We are one of many schools throughout the area dealing with this issue and we are working closely with the Saratoga County Health Department on the prevention of the flu in our schools.


We remain proactive with preventive measures throughout the district, including sharing educational materials, increasing our focus on our school cleaning protocols and health surveillance. We want to assure you that we are doing what is necessary to provide a safe and healthy school environment for our students and staff. An additional cleaning of the locker rooms at the High and Middle Schools has been arranged when the school day ends and before the sports teams start. Also, staff members are wiping down door knobs and public areas with disinfectant wipes on a daily basis in all school buildings. The district has also installed hand sanitizer lotion dispensers throughout the classrooms and in additional areas of the buildings for everyone's use.

We continue to ask everyone to help reduce the spread of flu by following preventative personal hygiene habits as the flu spreads easily from person to person primarily through the coughing and sneezing by infected people. School nurses will continue to monitor illness among students, sending sick individuals home. They should also stay home for at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (without the use of fever reducing medicines).

Please discuss this information with your child and those who may be in contact with anyone with ILIs. Additional information is available on our website, www.bscsd.org, at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/> or <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. Parents also should sign up for the School News Notifier System on our website if they have not already done so. If there is any specific updated information to share about flu related news, we will send out information quickly via the email or text message systems. Feel free to contact your child's school nurse directly if you have specific questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,


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