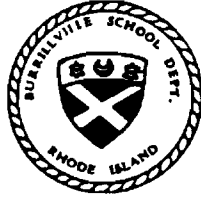


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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As many of you are aware from recent news stories, the Rhode Island Department of Health is currently concerned with possible, but unconfirmed cases of Swine Flu in Rhode Island. We understand the concern that this potential illness may cause to families throughout Rhode Island, and wanted to let you know that we are trying to be proactive in addressing those concerns, but we need your help.

We are taking steps in all of our schools to ensure the healthiest environment that we can for students, and staff alike. As a community, we are trying to provide sources of accurate information for families, so that you can better understand what is going on and the preventive measures you can take. We have posted the most recent Rhode Island Department of Health's Interim Advisory regarding Swine Flu and the steps schools should be taking to prevent its spread. Our website address is www.bsd-ri.net. Please be assured, we are taking all of the steps outlined by the Department of Health. Additionally, we are also having our custodial staff disinfect desks every night, in an additional attempt to be proactive. At the end of the Department of Health Advisory, is a list of other websites that families can go to learn more information. The Town has also posted information on its website, which provides additional sites to gain information from. The Town's website address is www.Burrillville.org.

The schools are trying to monitor individual student and staff illnesses and will be disinfecting surfaces as much as is practical. You also play a large part in helping us limit the spread of any illness. **If your child has been ill, please do not send them to school until they have fully recovered.** If you are considering sending your child back to school after an illness, please evaluate their condition by taking their temperature and assessing their ability to maintain a reasonable level of comfort. In suspected cases of Swine Flu, the Department of Health suggests that students not return to school until seven days after the onset of symptoms, or twenty-four hours after the symptoms have ended. Whichever is longer.

We encourage you to carefully evaluate your children if they become ill, and take whatever you feel are the appropriate steps to return them to good health. Please help us by doing your part to ensure the health of others. Let your child fully recover before returning to school. We will do our best to provide a sanitary and healthy environment at school, and I am sure that working together, we can all have a safe and healthy end to the school year.


Steven Welford
Superintendent of Schools