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RE: H1N1 Update

We place the health and well-being of our students and staff as a first priority. Our schools continue to monitor for H1N1 as recommended by Alberta Health Services. However our monitoring of schools indicates that absentee rates are normal and we have had no reports of H1N1 since the outbreak prior to Christmas.

We have decided to continue high levels of cleanliness in the schools, maintaining H1N1 cleaning protocols in high traffic and high contact areas, in school sick rooms and on the buses.

Some schools have chosen to open their water fountains for general use with a caution to parents and students that personal water bottles remain the safest alternative for drinking water during the school day.

Schools will continue to monitor absentee rates and in the event that 10% absenteeism is exceeded, water fountains will be closed and classroom teachers will once again strengthen their emphasis on healthy personal hygiene practices.

We continue to ask parents to keep children with flu-like symptoms home for their own health and for the health of others.

As always, School Principals are available to answer questions regarding H1N1 practices in their schools.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools