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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to keep you informed regarding the H1N1 influenza health challenge the entire nation is currently facing. There have been a few confirmed cases of H1N1 throughout our school district and numerous reports of children out with flu-like symptoms. Therefore, I want to re-emphasize the importance of the preventative measures our school district is taking and those we should all be doing for our children's safety and to minimize the risk to everyone. The enclosed brochure serves this purpose.

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) has also asked me to remind parents that they should discuss vaccination with their family physicians. The DCDOH has also suggested that we have students sit in rows as opposed to groups to further minimize exposure to viruses. This suggestion has been implemented.

In summary, we will continue to collect information from all health agencies and disseminate it to the school community as it becomes available to us. Please check our website periodically for any new information.

Just as we will confer with health experts, we encourage families to do so as well. For more information about the flu, visit www.flu.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO. All health decisions regarding your children should be made in consultation with your family physician.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Parla".

James Parla
Superintendent of Schools