

October 28, 2009

Dear Parents and Staff:

We are pleased to report that the number of students absent in our schools today, Wednesday, October 28 has declined since yesterday. Most significantly, the percentage of students absent due to illness from Guilford High School is 7% today as compared with 42% last Friday.

The following percentages represent the number of students absent from our elementary and middle schools today due to illness:

Adams Middle School: 12.9% (21.7% on Tuesday)

Baldwin Middle School: 12% (12.4% on Tuesday)

A.W. Cox School: 14% (19.1% on Tuesday)

Melissa Jones School: 3.5% (6.4% on Tuesday)

Guilford Lakes School: 4.2% (10% on Tuesday)

Calvin Leete School: 19.6% (20% on Tuesday)

As a precaution, we will continue to cancel all before and after school and evening activities for students through Friday, October 30 at our elementary and middle schools, including activities sponsored by youth organizations.

Guilford Before and After Care and Suncatchers will be on regular schedules this week.

Extracurricular activities and athletic events and practices at Guilford High School have resumed today, October 28.

Parents, please keep your children home from school if they are ill with flu symptoms including a sore throat, cough, fever, or vomiting until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

Cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces in our school buildings will continue by staff and on our buses by the drivers between runs.

We will continue to closely monitor absentee rates at all schools and will communicate any significant changes or additional decisions as needed.

Thank you.

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Superintendent of Schools