

October 30, 2009

Dear Parents and Staff:

We are finishing this week with stabilizing absentee rates in each of our schools. The following percentages represent the number of students absent from our schools today, Friday, October 30, due to illness:

Guilford High School: 5.6%
Adams Middle School: 10.2%
Baldwin Middle School: 8.6%
A.W. Cox School: 7.9%
Melissa Jones School: 4.9%
Guilford Lakes School: 4.4%
Calvin Leete School: 9%

As a reminder, all activities and events inside our elementary and middle schools have been cancelled after school today through Sunday, November 1. Extracurricular activities and athletic events and practices at Guilford High School may go on as scheduled.

We anticipate all before and after school activities to resume in all of our schools on Monday, November 2.

Thank you to all students, staff, and parents for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to manage the impact of the H1N1 virus on our school system.

After today, we will not be sending daily communications regarding absentee rates unless we again begin to experience unusual increases in the number of students and staff out ill with flu symptoms. We will continue to consult with health officials and will communicate information as needed.

Thank you.

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