

Dear Parents and Staff:

Effective today, Thursday, October 22, all before and after school and evening activities will be cancelled for all Guilford Public Schools through Sunday, October 25. This includes all club meetings, practices, sporting events (middle school, freshmen, JV and Varsity games and meets), rehearsals and pasta parties. Before and after school daycare programs will continue normal schedules in all schools.

Tonight's Repertory Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble concert scheduled at Guilford High School will be postponed until Thursday, October 29 at 8 p.m.

This preventative measure has been taken based on the increasing number of students absent and being sent home from the high school with flu-like symptoms. Students are more likely to spread the illness in environments where they are in direct contact with each other and spending extended periods of time in the same area together. By limiting their exposure to each other to the regular school day, we hope to slow the transmission of disease among our students.

At this time, the absentee rate among our high school students is 29.3%, while the rate among staff members has been normal with non-flu related symptoms cited as the cause for the absence.

Fortunately, the other schools in our district are currently experiencing normal rates of absenteeism among staff and students but we know that, by limiting group gatherings, we can keep our students healthier.

All schools will be open on Friday, October 23 for a normal school day with no before and after school or evening activities.

We will continue with the precautionary cleaning and disinfecting that has been occurring in our schools and on our buses.

Thank you.

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Superintendent of Schools