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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our monitoring of the H₁N₁ situation is continuing. I am encouraged to report that student absence is down considerably across the district. The Walsh Intermediate School, Sliney Elementary and Tisko Elementary all report an absence rate around 12%. Murphy Elementary has seen an increase to about 21%, while the high school reports an absence rate of 3%. About half of the absences cross the district appear to be “flu-like,” and only a few students were out at the high school due to “flu-like” illnesses.

I understand that more H₁N₁ vaccine has been released to Connecticut, but I do not have any other information as to when the East Shore Health Department will offer a clinic. I will notify you as soon as I have that information.

Please continue to remind your children to practice healthy habits of hygiene and continue your vigilance regarding symptoms of illness prior to sending your children off to school each morning.

Sincerely,

Kathleen C. Halligan, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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