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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In light of the recent reports of Swine Flu in the New York area, the Demarest School System is sending out this missive. Please understand at this time there are NO reported cases of Swine Flu in our district or the surrounding areas.

State and regional officials are closely monitoring this new and developing situation, and the ultimate level of outbreak is still undetermined. In the event, we need to communicate emergency information to you about these events, we will implement our new phone notification system, along with website postings.

While to date, there have been no confirmed cases of Swine Influenza in New Jersey, as always, our school principals and nurses will closely monitor our illness and attendance rates. We will discuss this information on a daily basis until we believe it is no longer necessary to do so. Please remember, in the event your child is ill, please keep him/her home and call the school absence verification number to report the reason for absence. If you suspect you or your child has influenza-like symptoms, please contact your health-care provider.

There are several commonly recommended health precautions that can be taken to protect your child, as well as other children. Remind children to 1) cover coughs and sneezes, 2) avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, and 3) wash hands frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing. It is important to keep your child home if he/she is ill. I will also be asking the teaching staff to provide similar health reminders to our students. Our custodial staff will continue to follow our guidelines for cleaning of surfaces and be ready to enact more stringent procedures if necessary.

Additional information on flu prevention and symptoms, as well as general information about the virus is available at the Center for Disease Control's website <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu>.

Sincerely,

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